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MINUTES

OF THE

One Hundred & Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

NAHUNTA

WAYNE COUNTY, N. C.

October 6th, 7th and 8th, 1939

OFFICERS:

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk
BROTHER J. M. WILLIAMS, Assistant Clerk

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Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6, 1939

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Roberts.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled and the Association was opened with a hymn of praise and prayer by Elder J. P. Helms.

1st. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother J. M. Williams.

2nd. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3rd. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee of arrangements for preaching.

4th. Elders A. B. Denson, L. A. Johnson, and R. W. Gurganus were chosen to preach at the stand this afternoon.

5th. M. O. Speight, G. G. Trevathan, G. W. Whitehead and L. A. Mewborn were chosen a committee on finance.

6th. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the statistical table.

7th. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

8th. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations, as follows:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.

Baltimore—No report.

Delaware River—Minutes.

Kehukee—Minutes and Elder A. B. Ayers, Lester House and others.

Little River—Elder E. C. Jones and L. A. Johnson.

Lower Country Line—Minutes and Elder J. W. Wyatt.

Mill Branch—Minutes.

Black Creek—J. B. Barrow, Joe E. Craft, E. T. Smith and others.

Pig River—Elder J. P. Helms.

Delaware—No report.

Lower Mayo—Elder J. W. Wyatt and minutes.

Seven Mile—Elder P. E. Johnson, L. A. Johnson and J. B. Johnson.

Staunton River—Minutes.

Salem—Minutes.

Upper Country Line—Minutes and Elder T. A. Stanfield.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.

White Oak—Minutes, Elder R. W. Gurganus, W. B. Houston, C. G. Houston, Elder E. F. Pollard and others.

Warwick—Minutes.

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Elder J. E. Mewborn be appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder W. B. Kearney in case of failure.

10th. On Saturday Elders S. Gray, P. E. Johnson, A. B. Ayers, D. G. Staples, E. F. Pollard, W. E. Grimes, W. R. Hines, R. F. Keaton, R. B. Denson, and Johnnie Joyner were appointed to preach at the stand.

11th. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10 o'clock.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send minutes as heretofore:

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Salem—Minutes.

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14th. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Receipts		
Received from churches and otherwise	$103.00	
Received from other sources	13.05	
Balance on hand from last year	14.65	
Disbursements		
Printing Minutes and Postage		$ 30.00
Clerk's Compensation		15.00
Gave visiting Ministers		83.00
Balance on hand		2.70
	$130.70	$130.70

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

(1) Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report may make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

(2) On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and the times of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

(3) Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

(4) Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

(5) Resolved: That our Clerk have 1000 copies of these minutees printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer.

On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity and town for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Moderator.

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator.
J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, A. M., October 6, 1939.
Elder J. B. Roberts, Text—
Friday P. M.
Elder A. B. Denson, Text—Hebrews 10th chapt. 11-12 verses.
Elder L. A. Johnson, Text—St. John, 4th chap. 29th verse.
Elder R. W. Gurganus, Text—Isa. 49th chapt., 16th verse.

Saturday A. M., October 7.
Elder S. Gray, Text—Romans 9th chapt., 13th verse.
Elder P. E. Johnson, Text—St. Matt. 13th chapt. 51-52 verses.
Elder A. B. Ayers, Text—Romans 7th chapt. 1, 2, 3, verses.
Elder D. G. Staples, Text—"Is there not a cause?"

Saturday P. M.
Elder E. F. Polland, Text—Genesis 28th chapt. 16-17 verses.
Elder W. E. Grimes, Text—III John, 4th chapt., 3 verse.
Elder W. R. Hines Text—St. Luke 6th chapt., 13th verse.
Elder R. F. Keaton, Text—
Elder R. B. Denson, Text—St. Matt. 8th chapt., 26-27-28 verses
Elder Johnnie Joyner, Text—St. Luke, 10th chapt., 16th verse.

Sunday A. M., October 8.
Elder E. L. Cobb, Text—St. John, 18th chapt., 37th verse.
Elder O. J. Denny, Text—Romans 5th chapt., 8th verse.
Elder B. S. Cowin, Text—Ezekiel 16th chapt. 1-9 inclusive
Elder E. C. Jones, Text—

Sunday P. M.
1lder J. P. Helms, Text—1st Samuel 17th chapt. 29th verse.
Elder J. W. Wyatt, Text—St. Matthew 7th chapt., 28th verse.
Elder R. H. Boswell, Text—1st Corin., 5th chapt. 10th verse.
Elder J. D. Fly, Text—1st Corin., 2nd chapt. 9-10 verses.
Elder Xure Lee, Text—
Elder E. F. Pierce, Text—St. Luke, 9th chapt. 62nd verse.

Elders Humphrey and Yopps from the White Oak Association attended this meeting but did not get to preach. Elder N. S. Davis, from the Black Creek Association, was also with us but did not get to preach at the meeting, but we understand that all preached in the homes in which they visited.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE CHURCHES

	Copies
Autrey's Creek—J. F. Eason, Macclesfield, N. C.	60
Beaverdam—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.	7
Blount's Creek—P. L. Hill, Blount's Creek, N. C., Rt. 1	7
Damascus—J. D. Gates, Farmville, N. C.	15
Goose Creek Island—Carl Edwards, Lowlands, N. C.	30
Hancock's—F. L. Cox, Grimesland, N. C., Rt. 1	35
Kinston—Mrs. J. H. Mewborn, Kinston, N. C.	10
Meadow—Annie Susan Craft, Stantonsburg, N. C.	15
Mewborn—J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., Rt. 2	25
Nahunta—Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Goldsboro, N. C., Rt. 5	50
Moore's—J. L. Baker, Elm City, N. C.	25
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Edwards, Rocky Mount, N. C.	80
Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	50
Sandy Botton—Mrs. Mary M. Croom, Kinston, N. C.	13
Sandy Grove—D. C. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. F. D. 2	20
Town Creek—G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.	25
Tyson—M. O. Speight, Winterville, N. C.	20
Upper Town Creek—J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C.	85

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO THE ASSOCIATIONS

	Copies
Abbott's Creek—Jesse Trogden, Asheboro, N. C.	11
Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md.	12
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	19
Dalaware—D. M. Vorhees, Pennington, N. J.	12
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	35
Little River—Elder Floyd Adams, Willow Springs, N. C.	15
Lower Country Line—F. D. Long, Roxboro, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.	15
Seven Mile—W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C.	15
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va., 147 Broad St.	15
Salem—Elder Zennie Rhue, Winston-Salem, N. C.	15
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	20
Virginia Corresponding Meeting—K. C. Spinkle, Herndon, Va.	12
Warwick–Eld. R. L. Dodson, Rutherford, N. J., 12 Addison Ave.	13
White Oak—R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C.	20
Lower Mayo—A. J. Lemons, Stoneville, N. C.	10

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Beaverdam—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

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Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

W. B. Kearney, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 4.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D. 4.
Luther Joyner, Greenville, N C., R. F. D. 4
J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C., R. F. D.
James Gaskill, Hoboken, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Farmville, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
E. P. Girrard, Blount's Creek, N. C.

Licentiates

Oscar Farmer, Macclesfield, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek—Elder R. B. Denson, pastor; J. T. Eason, clerk.

Beaverdam—Elder J. E. Mewborn, pastor; Lena S. Smith, clerk.

Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, pastor; J. D. Gates, clerk.

Blount's Creek—Elder E. P. Girrard, pastor; P. L. Hill, clerk.

Goose Creek Island—Elder T. H. Edwards, pastor; Carl Edwards, clerk.

Hancock's—Elder J. B. Roberts, pastor; B. A. Highsmith, clerk.

Kinston—Elder J. E. Mewborn, pastor; V. H. Mewborn, clerk.

Meadow—Elder J. B. Roberts, pastor; Annie Susan Craft, clerk.

Mewborn—Elders J. E. Mewborn and W. B. Kearney, pastors; J. E. Mewborn, clerk.

Moore's—Elder J. C. Smith, pastor; J. L. Baker, clerk.

Nahunta—Elders N. S. Davis and W. B. Kearney, pastors; Mrs. Martha Bartlett, clerk.

Pleasant Hill—Elder A. B. Denson, pastor; R. W. Edwards, clerk.

Red Banks—No pastor; Sister Bessie Brooks Gay, clerk.

Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, clerk.

Sandy Grove—Elder T. H. Edwards, pastor; D. C. Hardy, clerk.

Town Creek—Elder J. C. Smith, pastor; G. G. Trevathan, clerk.

Tyson's—Elder W. B. Barnes, pastor; M. O. Speight, clerk.

Upper Town Creek—Elder J. C. Smith, pastor; J. M. Williams, clerk.

IN MEMORIAM

Elder Tilman Sawyer was born June 22, 1868, and died July 21, 1939. He joined the church at Goose Creek Island, Pamlico County, North Carolina, May, 1898, and was baptized by Elder John R. Rowe. He was ordained to the ministry in May, 1920, and served Blount's Creek Church in Beaufort County until his death. He served the Church at Sea Level and other churches also. He traveled much and preached among the churches during his ministry and was faithful to his duty until the end. He leaves a faithful widow and four children. Elders J. B. Roberts and E. P. Girrard conducted his funeral and he was laid to rest in the Hancock's Church cemetery to await the coming of our Lord.

J. E. MEWBORN, Association Clerk.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to mantain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power o lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the clerk in a book kept for the use of the

Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of the churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches: 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting, whom it shall properly; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Counties	Name of Messengers	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Members	Contributions	Last Asso. Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. R. Brown, Z. R. Gay, and J. F. Eason	0	0	0	2	2	1	85	$10.00	1930
Beaver Dam	Lenoir	Lena S. Smith and J. E. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.00	1866
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	E. P. Girrard	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	7.00	1857
Damascus	Pitt	J. D. Gates, Elder J. B. Roberts and J. A. Mathews	2	1	0	0	0	0	15	7.50	1933
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Elder J. G. Gaskill, C. J. Lewis, J. G. Sadler	0	0	0	1	0	1	25	2.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	W. L. Tripp and F. L. Cobb	1	0	0	0	0	0	38	5.25	1935
Kinston	Lenoir	V. H. Mewborn and Lela Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	3.00	——
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn and wife, Annie S. Craft	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	6.00	1926
Mewborn's	Greene	V. E. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney, S. L. Kearney, G. L. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	11.00	1938
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer, T. J. Owens	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	5.00	1931
Nahunta	Wayne	Represented by the church	0	0	0	0	0	1	45	6.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. H. Lanier, W. W. Calhoun, V. D. Jenkins and R. W. Edwards	2	0	2	2	1	0	56	6.00	1936
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, Bessie B. Gay, Maggie Everett	1	0	0	0	2	0	31	9.25	1934
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	——	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	——	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	Represented by letter	1	0	0	0	0	1	17	3.00	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, J. E. Harris, Elder G. G. Trevathan	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	6.00	1937
Tyson's	Pitt	M. O. Speight, Annie Joyner	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	5.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, G. W. Whitehead and C. D. Womble	0	0	0	0	0	7	109	10.00	1932

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Balance on hand	2.70
Total	$139.70

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper ones.

(1) Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report may make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

(2) On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of

ministers and the time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

(3) Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

(4) Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

(5) Resolved: That our Clerk have 800 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $15.00 for his services.

On motion the Clerk was appointed Treasurer.

On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this vicinity and town for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Moderator.

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator.
J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday, October 11th, 1940—

Elder J. E. Mewborn—107th Psalm
Elder S. Gray—Gen. 22nd chap., 7th verse.
Elder Johnnie Joyner—St. John 14th chap. 1st to 6th verses.
Elder L. E. Bryan—St. Matthew, 14th chap. 15th to 28th verses.
Elder A. B. Denson—St. John, 10th chap., 23rd verse.

Saturday, October 12th—

Elder A. B. Ayers—Failed to get text.
Elder R. B. Denson—The Father of All Mercies.
Elder W. E. Grimes—1st. Cor. 13th chap., 13th verse.
Elder J. F. Sumner—8th chapter Proverbs.
Elder T. A. Stanfield—St. Luke, 5th chapter, 33rd verse.
Elder E. L. Cobb—Matt. 1st chap. 18th to 25th verses.
Elder R. H. Boswell—The Fear of the Lord Is the Beginning of Wisdom.

Sunday A. M.—October 13th—

Elder N. A. Davis—Failed to get text
Elder J. D. Fly—Isa. 35th chap., 10th verse.
Elder J. F. Sumner—St. John, 1st chapter.
Elder B. S. Cowin—Job 42nd chapter, 15th verse.
Elder Geo. W. Hill—Failed to get text
Elder R. H. Boswell—Romans, 8th chapter.
Elder W. B. Barnes—No special text
Elder C. L. Robbins—Failed to get text
Elder J. R. Baker—Failed to get text
Elder E. W. Moore—Failed to get text

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	Copies
Autrey's Creek—J. D. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.	60
Beaverdam—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.	7
Blount's Creek—P. L. Hill, Blount's Creek, N. C., R. 1	10
Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, Farmville, N. C.	15
Goose Creek Island—Carl Edwards, Lowlands, N. C.	30
Hancock's—F. L. Cox, Grimesland, N. C. R. 1	35
Kinston—Mrs. J. H. Mewborn, Kinston, N. C.	10
Meadow—Annie Susan Craft, Stantonsburg, N. C.	15
Mewborn—J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. 2	25
Nahunta—Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Goldsboro, N. C., R. 5	50
Moore's—Elder J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C.	25
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Edwards, Rocky Mount, N. C.	80
Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	50
Sandy Bottom—Mrs. Mary M. Croom, Kinston, N. C.	13
Sandy Grove—D. C. Hardy, Aurora, N. C., R. 2.	20
Town Creek—G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.	25
Tyson—M. O. Speight, Winterville, N. C.	20
Upper Town Creek—J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C.	85

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Baltimore—Frank G. Scott, Cockeysville, Md.	12
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	19
Delaware—D. M. Vorhees, Pennington, N. J.	12
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	35
Little River—Elder Floyd Adams, Willow Springs, N. C.	15
Lower Country Line—F. D. Long, Roxboro, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—M. Meares, Tabor, N. C.	15
Seven Mile—W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C.	15
Staunton River—R. L. Dodson, Danville, Va., 147 Broad St.	15
Salem—Elder Zennie Rhue, Winston-Salem, N. C.	15
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Altamahaw, N. C.	20
Virginia Corresponding Meeting—K. C. Spinkle, Herndon, Va.	12
Bear Creek—J. W. Jones, Peachland, N. C.	25
Warwick—Eld. R. L. Dodson, Rutherford, N. J., Addison Ave.	13
White Oak—R. W. Gurganus, Jacksonville, N. C.	20
Lower Mayo—A. J. Lemons, Stoneville, N. C.	10

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Beaverdam—First Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Blount's Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Damascus—Second Sunday in February, May, August and November.

Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August and November.

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Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September and December.

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ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES

W. B. Kearney, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., R. F. D.
J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C., R. F. D.
James Gaskill, Hoboken, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Farmville, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
E. P. Girrard, Blount's Creek, N. C.

Licentiates

Oscar Farmer, Macclesfield, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek—Elder R. B. Denson, Pastor; J. R. Brown, Clerk.

Beaverdam—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Pastor; Lena S. Smith, Clerk.

Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Ellen Beaman, Clerk.

Blount's Creek—Elder E. P. Girrard, Pastor; P. L. Hill, Clerk.

Goose Creek Island—Elder T. H. Edwards, Pastor; Carl Edwards, Clerk.

Hancock's—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; F. L. Cox, Clerk.

Kinston—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Pastor; V. H. Mewborn, Clerk.

Meadow—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Annie Susan Craft, Clerk.

Mewborn—Elders J. E. Mewborn and W. B. Kearney, Pastors; J. E. Mewborn, Clerk.

Moore's—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; No Clerk.

Nahunta—Elders N. S. Davis and W. B. Kearney, Pastors; Mrs. Martha Bartlett, Clerk.

Pleasant Hill—Elder A. B. Denson, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk.

Red Banks—No Pastor; Sister Bessie Brooks Gay, Clerk.

Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, Clerk.

Sandy Grove—Elder T. H. Edwards, Pastor; D. C. Hardy, Clerk.

Town Creek—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; G. G. Trevathan, Clerk.

Tyson's—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; M. O. Speight, Clerk.

Upper Town Creek—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.

IN MEMORIAM

Since the sitting of our last session of the Contentnea Association, God, in His infinite wisdom called one of our beloved ministers, Elder Luther Joyner, age 72 years, who died suddenly of a heart attack on November 23, 1939. His passing was calm, serene, peaceful, "Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him, and lies down to pleasant dreams." Elder Joyner lived among us for over 28 years, serving us as a God-called minister, to the honor of His great name, and comfort to His people. He was always welcomed in any gathering his mind led him to attend. He was a good counselor, careful in advice and whenever he spoke, his words had weight. His life was well spent for the upbuilding of the cause he loved so much. Let us bow our heads in humble submission to this dispensation of God's providence, feeling assured that he is "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep."

BESSIE BROOKS GAY.

RULES OF DECORUM

Art. 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Art. 2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

Art. 4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Art. 5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

Art. 6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

Art. 7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject, without liberty from the Association.

Art. 8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of a public speech.

Art. 9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he break the rules of this decorum.

Art. 11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

Art. 12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

Art. 13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experiences, we, the church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the constitution of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, propose to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

Art. 1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, duly sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

Art. 2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last association.

Art. 3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

Art. 4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

Art. 5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in this Association by not to exceed three of its members.

Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union, when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: 1, to provide for the general rule of the churches; 2, to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches: 3, to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4, to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5, to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund to any purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6, to appoint any members by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7, the Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8, to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting, whom it shall judge properly; 9, the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this Union.

Art. 16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

Statistical Table

Churches	Counties	Name of Messengers	Baptized	Rec. by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. Members	Contributions	Last Asso. Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. R. Brown, Z. R. Gay, A. C. Wooten	0	0	0	0	4	4	79	$10.00	1940
Beaverdam	Lenoir	Elder J. E. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.00	1866
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Elder E. P. Girrard	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	3.00	1857
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Matthews, C. V. Vick, Ellen Beaman	0	1	0	0	0	1	14	12.00	1933
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Carl Lewis, James Gaskill	1	0	0	0	1	0	23	2.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	W. D. Williams, Lonnie Stocks, F. L. Cox	1	0	0	0	0	1	38	6.00	1935
Kinston	Lenoir	Elder J. E. Mewborn, V. H. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	3.00	----
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn and wife (Emily Dildy, Annie S. Craft)	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6.00	1926
Mewborn's	Greene	Elders W. B. Kearney and J. E. Mewborn	2	0	0	0	0	0	26	11.50	1938
Moore's	Wilson	T. J. Owens, Oscar Farmer	0	0	0	0	2	0	24	5.00	1931
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster, T. R. Smith	1	0	0	0	0	2	43	6.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. H. Lanier, W. W. Calhoun, B. D. Jenkins	1	0	0	0	0	2	55	10.00	1936
Red Banks	Pitt	Sisters Lucy Mills, Mary Ann Stokes and Bessie B. Gay	0	0	0	0	0	4	27	10.25	1934
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Mary M. Croom and Onnie M. Rouse	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy and wife	1	0	0	0	0	1	17	3.00	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, J. E. Harriss and Elder G. G. Trevathan	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	6.00	1937
Tyson's	Pitt	Bettie Moore, Fannie Joyner, M. O. Speight	1	0	0	0	1	0	7	7.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. C. Adams, G. W. Whitehead, J. M. Williams	1	0	0	0	0	4	106	10.00	1932

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MINUTES

OF THE

115th Annual Session

OF THE

CONTENTNEA
Primitive Baptist
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH THE

Damascus Church

FARMVILLE, N. C.

OCTOBER 12, 13, 14,

1945

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OFFICERS

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS - MODERATOR
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN - CLERK
J. M. WILLIAMS - ASSISTANT CLERK

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Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 12, 1945

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Mewborn, text, 1 Peter 2:4-9., and followed by Elder A. B. Denson, text, Heb. 10:11.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the house and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Grimes.

1. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother J. M. Williams.

2. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister associations were invited to seats with us.

3. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church, were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.

4. Elders Lester Lee, Jer. 11:1; E. L. Cobb, Psa. 90:1; Xure Lee, Eph. 2:1; were chosen to preach at the the stand.

5. Brethren G. G. Trevathan, M. O. Speight and R. W. Edwards, were chosen a committee on finance.

6. Letters were received and read from the churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the statistical table.

7. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

8. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations, as follows:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—No report.
Seven Mile—Elders L. A. Johnson, Xure Lee, and James Barefoot and others.
Bear Creek—Elders Oscar Broom, and J. T. Jones.
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, I. S. Reasons, J. E. Craft and others.
Delaware—No report.
Delaware River—No report.
Kehukee—Elders A. B. Denson, W. E. Grimes, A. W. Ambrose and others.
Little River—W. H. Freeman, E. F. Pierce, J. W. Wyatt, and others.
Lower Country Line—W. E. Whitefield, Sister Laura Gooch and J. J. Whitley
Lower Mayo—Minutes.
Mill Branch—Minutes.
Pigg River—Minutes.
Salem—Elder D. G. Staples, and Minutes.
Smith River— Minutes.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Upper Country Line—Elder D. V. Spangler and Minutes.
Virginia Corresponding—No report.
Warwick—No report.
White Oak—Brethren W. B. Houston, Oscar Howard, S. Gray and others.
Yellow River of Georgia—No report.

9th. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Moore's. Services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October 1946, at 11: O'Clock a. m. Elder J. B. Roberts appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, and Elder W. B. Kearney, alternate.

10th. On Saturday services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder S. Gray, followed by the following ministering brethren, D. V. Spangler, Prov. 9:1-4; Oscar Broom Eph. 2:1; Elder Johnnie Joyner; Elder D. G. Staples Matt. 5:20; Elder C. L. Robbins, Jno. 10:25; Elder W. H. Freeman, Isa. 33:8; Elder J. T. Jones, failed to get text.

11th. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 O'Clock a. m.

12th. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send minutes as heretofore :

Abbot's Creek—Minutes.
Baltimore—Minutes.
Bear Creek—Elder J. B. Roberts, and Brother M. O. Speight.
Black Creek—Elders J. B. Roberts, W. B. Kearney, W. C. Edwards.
Delaware—Minutes.
Kehukee—M. O. Speight, Elders W. C. Edwards and J. B. Roberts.
Little River—Z. R. Gay, Ivey Reason, and J. E. Mewborn.
Lower Country Line—M. O. Speight and Elder J. B. Roberts.
Upper Country Line—J. E. Elder Mewborn.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
Warwick—Minutes.
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Yellow River of Georgia—Minutes.

13th. The following brethren in the ministry were appointed to preach on Sunday: Elders J. W. Wyatt, Matt. 16:18; E. C. Stone, Heb. 12:1; B. S. Cowin, Gal. 3:29; J. C. Moore, Job 23:3; E. C. Jones, Pet.1:25; R. B. Denson, Psa. 122:123; A. B. Ayers, Song of Sol. 8:5; W. E. Grimes, Deut. 33:29. W. B. Barnes, No especial text; E. W. Moore 1 Jno 3:1.

14. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand from 1944	$66.10
Received from the churches	246.00
Received from friends	222.00
Total	$534.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Minutes	$45.00
Additional cost of printing 1944 Minutes	10.00
Clerk's compensation	15.00
Gave visiting ministers	364.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
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Total	$534.10

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On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community for their generosity in entertaining and helping care for the Association.

On motion adjourned to time appointed with prayer by Moderator.

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk

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Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.	18
Goose Creek Island—Elder James Gaskill, Hoboken, N. C.	20
Hancock's—F. L. Cox, Grimesland, Rt. 1, N. C.	20
Kinston—Mrs. J. H. Mewborn, Kinston, N. C.	5
Meadow—L. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.	10
Mewborn—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C., Rt. 2.	25
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Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	20
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Baltimore—Elder D. L. Topping, Linthicum Hgts, Md.	5
Black Creek—Elder E. L. Cobb, Wilson, N. C.	19
Delaware—Elder C. W. Vaughn, Hopewell, N. J.	10
Kehukee—Elder B. S. Cowin, Williamston, N. C.	30
Little River—Elder Floyd Adams, Willow Springs, N. C.	15
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C.	20
Lower Country Line—F. D. Long, Roxboro, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Loris, S. C.	10
Seven Mile—W. V. Blackman, Benson, N. C.	15
Staunton River—J. Floyd Williams, Keeling, Va.	10
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	15
Virginia Corresponding—Elder H. H. Lefferts, Leesburg, Va.	8
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	25
Warwick—Elder R. L. Dodson, Rutherford, N. J.	8
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Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Owens, Z. R. Gay, J. R. Brown				1		2	69	10.00	1940
Beaverdam	Lenoir	J. E. Mewborn, Lena Smith							2	2.00	1866
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Elder E. P. Gerrard, Elder W. C. Edwards						1	9	26.80	1944
Damascus	Pitt	Elder J. B. Roberts, J. A. Mathews, Charlie Vick	1	1					17	38.00	1945
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Mandy Saddler, J. G. Saddler, Carl Lewis	1					1	21	11.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	F. S. Cox, Lonnie Stocks, W. D. Williams						1	32	14.50	1935
Kinston	Lenoir	Elder G. G. Trevathan, Dr. V. H. Mewborn							4	6.00	
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn and wife, Annie S. Craft							5	18.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	S. L. Kearney, Elder W. B. Keaney, G. L. Mewbon							26	30.00	1938
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer, T. J. Owens						1	20	5.00	1931
Nahunta	Wayne	E. D. Ham, P. L. Lancaster, D. A. Laniaster							38	15.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W. W. Calhoun, R. W. Edwards	1		1		1	4	48	10.00	1936
Red Banks	Pitt	S. M. Slaughter, Edward S. Hardee, J. R. Mills		1					21	14.50	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Elder W. B. Kearney and Annie E. Rouse							4	2.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	H. C. Rowe, D. C. Hardy							15	5.00	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, J. E. Harris, Elder G. G. Trevathan						3	21	8.00	1937
Tyson's	Pitt	R. C. Norville, M. O. Speight						1	5	20.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, G. W. Whitehead, W. C. Adams	2			1	1	4	103	10.00	1941

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 116th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT PLEASANT HILL, OCTOBER 10, 11, 12, 1947.

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder G. G. Trevathan the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Roberts, text: Acts 8:30, and followed by Elder W. H. Freeman, text, Psa. 23.

After an intermission of one hour the messengers assembled in the house and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Denson, of the Kehukee Association.

1. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator and Elder G. G. Trevathan Clerk, pro tem, who called to his assistance Elder W. C. Edwards.

2. Visiting brethren and messengers from Sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church, were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.

4. Elder S. Gray, 2 Cor. 5:16, was chosen to preach this afternoon.

5. Bros. Oscar Speight, R. W. Edwards and W. C. Edwards were chosen a committee on finance.

6. Letters were received and read from the churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

7. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association, none.

8. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from Sister Assciations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Minutes.
Baltimore:: none.
Seven Mile: Minutes
Bear Creak: Brother Geo. Fordam, Elders J. T. Jones, S. T. Curlee.
Black Creek: Joe Craft, J. H. Whitfield.
Delaware: Minutes.
Delaware River: Minutes.
Kehukee: Elders A. B. Denson, W. E. Grimes, R. B. Denson, Lester House.
Little River: Elders E. C. Jones, W. H. Freeman.
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Pigg River: Minutes.
Salem: Elder O. J. Denny.
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Upper Country Line: Elder W. J. Berry.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting: Minutes.
Warwick: Minutes.

White Oak: Elder S. Gray, A. A. Garner, Sister J. King.

Yellow River of Georgia: Minutes.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Hancocks, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1948, at 11 a. m., Elder G. G. Trevathan to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder W. C. Edwards as alternate.

10. On Saturday services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder O. J. Denny, followed by the following ministering brethren: Elders E. C. Jones, text, Heb. 1:4; J. C. Moore, Heb. 8:8; A. L. Holloway, W. E. Grimes, J. T. Jones, D. G. Staples, 1 Cor. 15:19; T. L. Grimes, Psa. 139:13; J. D. Fly, Lu. 2:10,11; W. B. Barnes, Luke 16:13.

11. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

12. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send minutes as heretofore:

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13. The following brethren in the ministry were appointed to preach on Sunday: Elders R. B. Denson, Jas. 5:11; O. J. Denny, 1 Pet. 1:3; W. J. Berry, Rom. 5:20; A. B. Ayers, Psa. 25:14; Sam T. Curlee (a. m.); E. G. Hall, Edd Moore, Job 29; C. L. Robbins, Col. 3:1; J. White; A. B. Denson, Acts 13:48 (p. m.)

14. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand from 1946	$105.60

Received from churches	200.55
Received from friends	149.25
Total	$455.40

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing minutes	$45.00
Clerk's compensation	25.00
Gave visiting ministers	257.00
Miscellaneous	2.00
Balance on hand, 1947	20.80
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Total	$455.40

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. In asmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report may make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

2. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

3. Resolved that the Articles of Faith and Rules of Decorum be published and appended to these minutes.

4. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such and that if she has none, she will actually choose his as such.

Resolved: That our Clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the record and that he be allowed $25.00 for his services. Approved by the Association.

On motion the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Moderator.

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Art. 8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

Art. 9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

Art. 10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

Art. 11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting to which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

Art. 12. The minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

Art. 13. The minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected, if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

Art. 14. Amendments of this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they may deem it necessary.

Art. 15. The Association shall have power: 1. to provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. to preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. to appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. to appoint any member by and with his or their consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. the Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. to admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting, whom it shall judge properly; 9. the Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

Art. 16 We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract, or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools, nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAME OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Bap.	Rec'd by letter	Restored	Dis. by letter	Excluded	Deceased	No. in Fellowship	Contribution	LAST ASSOCIATION HELD
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	J. E. Owens, Henry Owens, J. R. Brown	2	..	..	..	..	5	68	$10.00	1940
Beaverdam	Lenoir	Sister Lena Smith	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	2.00	1866
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	plƎ E. P. Girrard*, Sister D. Cratch*, Eld W. C. Edwards	..	..	..	..	..	1	9	11.50	1944
Damascus	Pitt	Elder J. B. Roberts, J. A. Matthews, Charlie Vick*	..	..	..	..	..	..	16	30.00	1945
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	J. G. Saddler, Sister Florence Lewis	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	10.55	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	F. L. Cox, W. D. Williams, Lonnie Stocks	2	..	..	1	..	1	31	15.00	1935
Kinston	Lenoir	Elder G. G. Trevathan	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	4.00	....
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn & Wife	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	10.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	G. L. Mewborn, V. E. Mewborn, Elder W. B. Kearney	..	..	..	..	..	1	23	14.50	1938
Moore's	Wilson	T. J. Owens, Oscar Farmer, Sister Luper	..	..	..	..	..	1	19	5.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster	..	..	..	..	..	..	36	15.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W. W. Calhoun, B. D. Jenkins, R. W. Edwards	..	..	..	..	..	2	46	10.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, Geo. Howard and wives	..	1	..	..	..	..	21	25.00	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Elder W. B. Kearney	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	Albert Rowe*	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	6.00	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrel, Elder G. G. Trevathan, J. E. Harris	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	8.00	1937
Tyson's	Pitt	R. C. Norville and wife, M. O. Speight	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	12.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, G. W. Whithead, G. W. Gardner	1	..	..	..	1	4	98	10.00	1941
		Totals	5	1	..	1	1	17	439	200.55	....

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— Held with the church at —

HANCOCK'S

October 8, 9, 10,

1948

1949 Session convenes with Autry's Creek Church, Friday before the second Sunday in October, 11 a. m.

Officers

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS - Moderator, Farmville, N. C.
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN - Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.
ELDER G. G. TREVATHEN - Assistant Clerk
Pine Tops, N. C.

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 117 ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT HANCOCK'S, OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 1948.

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder W. C. Edwards, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. G. Trevathan, and followed by Elder L. A. Johnson.

After an intermission of one hour the Messengers assembled in the house and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler of the Upper Country Line Association.

1. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Elder G. G. Trevathan.

2. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3. The officers of this Association, together with the Messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching.

4. Elders Johnnie Joyner and L. N. Benton were chosen to preach this afternoon.

5. Brethren Oscar Speight, R. W. Edwards, and J. R. Brown were chosen a Committee on Finance.

6. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

On motion it was agreed that Bethel and Macedonia Churches be restored to their former standing in the Association.

Beaverdam Church, the oldest in the Association, having fallen away in membership until only one is left, reports that the Church property has been sold. This one member plans to go with the Kinston Church.

7. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

8. Called for corresponding letters and Messengers from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Minutes.
Seven Mile: Elder L. A. Johnson.
Bear Creek: Brethren Troy A. Williams, Elders Oscar Broom, J. T. Jones, S, T. Curlee, and Minutes.
Black Creek: Joe Craft, Elders Johnnie Joyner, W. R. Hines, J. T. Williams and others.
Delaware River: Minutes.
Kehukee: Elders R. B. Denson, A. B. Ayers, B. S. Cowin, W. E. Grimes, Brethren C. L. James, J. J. Taylor.
Little River: J. W. Watkins and wife. Minutes.
Lower Mayo: Minutes.
Lower Country Line: Elder D. V. Spangler, Sister Laura R. Gooch and Minutes.

Mill Branch: T. T. Hewitt, B. E. Hewitt, Elder L. N. Benton, and Minutes.

Salem: On motion and second it was agreed that we will not recognize factions nor those who make factions.

Smith River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Elder W. J. Berry and Minutes.

Upper Country Line: Elders W. J. Berry and wife, D. V. Spangler and wife, and Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting: Minutes.

White Oak: Not seated at this time. (Elders Pollard, Yopps, and Gray and a number of brethren present).

Yellow River: No report.

Elder S. J. Priddy from the Elkhorn Association of West Virginia and Elder E. J. Lambert from the South Ouachita Association of Arkansas and Louisiana were present and seated with us.

10. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Autrey's Creek; services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1949 at 11: a. m. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder J. E. Mewborn as alternate.

11. On Saturday services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts, followed by the following ministering brethren: Elders R. B. Denson, W. E. Grimes, W. J. Berry, D. V. Spangler, S. J. Priddy, and E. C. Stephenson.

12. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

13. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send Minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek: Minutes.

Bear Creek: Elder G. G. Trevathan.

Black Creek: Elders W. C. Edwards, G. G. Trevathan, Brother M. O. Speight. .

Delaware River: Minutes.

Kehukee: Elder W. C. Edwards, J. R. Mills, R. W. Edwards, M. O. Speight.

Little River: Elder J. B. Roberts, and M. O. Speight.

Lower Country Line: Elder J. B. Roberts and M. O. Speight.

Lexington-Roxbury: Minutes.

Lower Mayo: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Elders G. G. Trevathan and J. E. Mewborn.

Pigg River: Minutes.

Salem:

Seven Mile: Elders J. E. Mewborn and G. G. Trevathan.

Smith River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes.

Upper Country Line: Elders J. E. Mewborn and G. G. Trevathen.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting: Elder J. E. Mewborn.

Warwick: Minutes.

White Oak: Minutes.
Yellow River of Georgia: Minutes.

14. The following brethren in the ministry were appointed to preach on Sunday: Elder John P. Tingle opened services with a hymn and prayer, followed by Elders A. B. Ayers, Oscar Broom, E. J. Lambert, J. T. Jones, W. R. Hines, E. W. Moore.

15. The Committee on Finance and the following report:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand from 1947	$126.40
Received from churches	229.75
Received from friends	104.50
Total	$460.65

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing Minutes	$60.00
Clerk's Compensation	25.00
Gave visiting ministers	262.00
Miscellaneous	2.00
Balance on hand, 1948	111.65
Total	$460.65

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any Messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report may make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of this Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our Minutes.

2. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each month.

3. Resolved: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

Resolved: That our Clerk have 900 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one in the Association record, and that he be allowed $25.00 for his services.

On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association.

For several years requests have been made by some of the chucrhes that the Circular Letter of the Contentnea Association in its session of 1857, A. D., be printed, and further requests being made again this year for same to be reprinted. On motion it is agreed that it be reprinted in the Minutes of this session.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts.

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator.
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk.
ELDER G. G. TREVATHAN, Assistant Clerk.

CIRCULAR LETTER

The Contentnea Baptist Association at the Twenty-Seventh Annual Session convened with the Church at Blounts Creek, Beaufort County, N. C., on Friday before the second Sabbath in October, 1857. To the churches composing the same, very dear brethren:

As it is our privilege to address you by way of a circular, and as there is but one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, and that One Lord is the only King and Law-Giver in Zion, and He has given laws and ordinaces for the government of His kingdom, and has also designated who the citizens and subjects of His Zion, or kingdom or church are; such as the meek, the poor in spirit: they that mourn, they that hunger and thirst after righteousness. They are also those that are led by the spirit of God—the children of the free woman, Jerusalem which is above, the mother of us all. (That is, all the heirs of promise) whether Jew or Gentile, bond or free. And the scriptures inform us that the early Christians did suffer sore persecution for observing the laws and ordinances of Zion, and according to the prophecy relative to the persecutions through which the church should pass, and the testimony of history concurs in the facts that for the greater part of eighteen centuries there have been, through all the dark ages down to the present time, a few names that would not bow the knee to Baal, or receive the mark of the beast, but have earnestly contended for the faith once delivered to the saints; for which they have suffered sore persecution, the prison and chains, the torture of stakes and flames. They have endured and regarded not their lives unto death. They were such as believed and practiced baptism upon credible evidence of faith and repentance of persons, and that by immersion as the only mode to be found in Zion's statute book. They would not mingle with the popular religion of their day, which was the procuring cause of their martydom. And if those saints were living now in our day whom would they patternize? Most unquestionably with what is now called the Old School or Primitive Baptists, as no other denominations observe the ordinances of Zion in the same manner they do or did.

And now dear brethren, how thankful we ought to feel to our heavenly Father, that our lots are in a day and country when we can worship Him according to His word and Spirit, and none to make us afraid. Let us humbly pray to Him for a continuation of this great blessing toward us, as the citizens of Zion and as a nation knowing that the same spirit of persecution is yet in the world, only divested of its former law-powers. They now make appearances, somewhat lamb-like, or are apparently disposed to be friendly. But let us beware of them, and endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and walk as children of light, and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

And as there is but one baptism, let us practice but the one, and receive to our fellowship none but such as have received the one scriptural baptism. We consider that baptism consists, first, in a person prepared by grace to receive it; second, a regularly authorized minister to administer it; and third, a sufficiency of water to bury or immerse the candidate in.

In as much then as we believe we are the only regularly authorized church of Christ and are admonished by the apostle to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and we therefore consider all other denominations of professed Christians in error in both doctrine and practice; in doctrine because they teach a system of works on the part of the poor dead sinner for justification either implied or expressed, or in other words, a do and live system, which is contrary to the teachings of the word of God, for our Savior says, No man can come unto Me except the Father which hath sent me draw him. Also that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit, thus teaching the doctrine of regeneration by the Spirit of God. And Saint Paul teaches that by grace ye are saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. And also that "this grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." And Moses says the Lord's portion is His people, and David says, Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power. And the word of God teaches the utter inability of man to recover himself from his lost state,"and none can keep alive his own soul, and none can by any means redeem his brother or give a ransom for him." There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer who shall redeem and keep His people and none of them is lost; yet in the face of these testimonies, the Pharisees teach that the Spirit strives with and is wooing and beseeching every sinner to get admittance to his heart; and the poor dead sinner outstrives the Spirit of God, who ruleth in the armies of heaven, and doth His will amongst the children of men. They thus as contradict the word of God.

Having thus briefly shown their error in doctrine, we proceed in the next place to show their error in practice. For teaching they do, their system of works for justification. They thereby attach a saving efficacy to the ordinances of the church, and in doing so, they administer them for improper purposes. For baptism and the Lord's Supper so far from being a means of grace for the saving of the soul, as they teach and administer them, are acccording to apostolic teaching and practice, the duty only of the regenerated persons or souls. In the complying with which they do not feel to be putting away the filth of the flesh, but to have the answer of a good conscience towards God, and the communion to commemorate the death of their Lord till He comes. And while they teach for doctrine the commandments of men which is to the children of God the unfruitful works of darkness, let us have no fellowship with it, but rather reprove them in all meekness and kindness, and godly fear, and in like manner, earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered to the saints. And brethren, while we profess to be the children and church of God, the Zion of whom glorious things are spoken, let us not forget strictly, to observe and keep her laws. If we cannot fellowship the doctrines taught by Pharisees, let us not receive their act in baptism as lawful; for it we receive their baptism as lawful, upon the same principle we must invite them into our pulpits, and to administer the sacrement of the Supper to us, which we are persuaded none of you would be willing to do. Let us then keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, and be at peace among ourselves. As one means of accomplishing this much desired object, let us have but one mode of receiving members to our fellowship and let that be the apostolic mode of receiving upon credible evidence of repentance towards God, and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as the only way of salvation and regular baptism as the way of entering the Church, and we shall be then letting our light shine before men so they may see our good works, and glorify our Father which is in heaven.

Dear brethren, as we are admonished to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace, the fruit of which is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, etc. Let us love as brethren and live in peace and suffer no worldly institutions to come among us to mar our peace. No matter how fair a show of benevolence and piety they may bring with them, if they bring not the fruit of the Spirit and teach not the things which become sound doctrine, receive them not into your houses; that is, have no fellowship with them, neither bid them God-speed. And in keeping with the unity of the Spirit, we shall be united. The Psalmist says: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity," being united in soul by the Holy Spirit. We are exhorted to be of one mind and to let brotherly love continue, and if these things be in you and abound, they make us to be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then brethren, take unto you the whole armor of God: for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers and against the rulers of darkness of this world, and against spiritual wickedness in high places. Then how important it is that there should be union in practice or action as well as in mind and word; and remember that our weapons of warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong-holds. Seeing then, it hath pleased God in His eternal immutable wisdom, and counsel and love to provide such weapons for His dear children to fight with (which none but they can use) through the mediation of His Son whom He hath made an High Priest by the oath of Himself; and having such an High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised. Let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another and so much the more as ye see the day approaching. For we see the efforts in the making by most religionists to unite church with worldly governments or state. We apprehend a day of sore trial for the church yet to come. Let us pray to our heavenly Father to rule over our government as a nation and perpetuate our civil liberties to the end of time.

Finally brethren, be of one mind, maintain a good gospel discipline in the churches. Do all things decently and in order, in love preferring one aother. Let each esteem other better than themselves. And oh that the Lord may abundantly bless, preserve, protect and defend us all, and enable us to live to the honor and glory of His great and blessed name and lead us forth in all His statutes and ordinances blameless through life, and be with us and watch over us for good, and finally bring us off more than conquerors through Him that loved us is our humble prayer for Christ's sake.

Adieu, dear brethren.

ELDER PARROT MEWBORN Snow Hill, N. C. Oct. 7, 1857.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, Sept,., December.
Beaverdam—Third Sunday in March, June, Sept. & December.
Blount's Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, Sept., December.
Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Damascus—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in Feb'y, May, Aug., Nov.
Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September December.
Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Moore's—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in Feb'y, May, August, November.
Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Sandy Bottom—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, Dec.
Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Lower Town Creek—Second Sunday in Feb. May, Aug. December.
Tyson's—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in Feb'y, May, August, Nov.
Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Macedonia—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek—Elder R. B. Denson, Pastor, J. R. Brown, Clerk.
Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor.
Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor, Fannie M. Dildy, Clerk.
Blount's Creek—Elder E. P. Gerrard, Pastor, W. C. Edwards, Associate Pastor and Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor, J. G. Sadler Cl'k.
Hancock's—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor, F. L. Cox, Clerk.
Kinston—Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor, Ella Lewis ,Clerk.
Lower Town Creek—Eld. J. C. Smith, Pastor, G. G. Trevathan, Cl'k
Meadow—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor, Annie Susan Craft, Clerk.
Mewborn's—Elders J. E. Mewborn & W. B. Kearney, Pastors, J. E. Mewborn, Clerk.
Macedonia—Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor, B. C. Whitford, Clerk.
Moore's—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor, E. M. Smith, Clerk.
Nahunta—Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor, T. R. Smith, Clerk.
Pleasant Hill—Elder A. B. Denson, Pastor, R. W. Edwards, Clerk.
Red Banks—Elder W. C. Edwards, Pastor, Bessie Brooks, Gay, C.
Sandy Bottom—Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor, Mary Croom, Clerk.
Sandy Grove—No Pastor, D. C. Hardy, Clerk.
Town Creek—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor, G. G. Trevathan, Clerk.
Tyson's—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor, M. O. Speight, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor, J. M. Williams, Cl'k.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, R.F.D., Snow Hill, N. C.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.
J. C. Smith, R. F. D., Elm City, N. C.
James Gaskill, Hoboken, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Farmville, N. C.

G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
E. P. Gerrard, Rocky Mt., N.. C.
W. C. Edwards, Beaufort, N. C.

LICENTIATES:

Oscar Farmer, Elm City, N. C.
B. W. Owens, Elm City, N. C.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Autrey's Creek—J. R. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.	40
Blount's Creek—Elder W. C. Edwards, Beaufort, N. C.	8
Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, Farmville, N. C.	18
Goose Creek Island—Elder James Gaskill, Hoboken, N. C.	20
Hancock's—F. L. Cox, Rt. 1 Grimesland, N. C.	20
Kinston—Mrs. Ella Lewis, R.F.D., Kinston, N. C.	5
Meadow—L. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.	10
Mewborn's—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.	25
Nahunta—T. R. Smith, R 5, Goldsboro, N. C.	30
Moore's—Elder J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C.	18
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Edwards, R. F. D. Rocky Mt. N. C.	50
Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicord, N. C.	20
Sandy Bottom—Mrs. Mary M. Croom Kinston, N. C.	10
Sandy Grove—D. C. Hardy, Rt. 2, Aurora, N. C.	15
Town Creek—G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.	20
Tyson—M. O. Speight, Winterville, N. C.	15
Upper Town Creek, J. M. Williams, Elm City, N. C.	50
Bethel—Elder J. P. Tinigle, Grantsboro, N. C.	10
Macedonia—Elder J. P Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	10

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek—R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C.	10
Black Creek—W. E. Turner, 107 W. Lee St. Wilson, N. C.	19
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	25
Delaware—Elder C. W. Vaughn, Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware River—Elder H. H. Lefferts, Leesburg, Va.	5
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Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, J. E. Owens, J. R. Brown	..	..	..	..	..	4	64	$12.00	1940
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Elder E. P. Gerrard, Elder W. C. Edwards	..	..	1	..	..	..	10	13.50	1944
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Matthews, Charlie Vick, Elder J. B. Roberts	..	..	..	..	..	..	17	31.00	1945
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Carl Lewis, J. G. Sadler	1	1	..	..	..	1	21	8.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	Represented by Church	1	..	..	..	..	..	36	16.00	1948
Kinston	Lenoir	Sister Ella Lewis	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6.00	
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn and wife	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	13.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	V. E. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	1	21	22.50	1938
Moore's	Wilson	T. J. Owens, Oscar Farmer	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. A. Lancaster	..	..	..	..	..	2	34	12.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W. W. Calhoun, R. W. Edwards	2	..	..	..	..	1	45	16.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	S. M. Slaugher and wife, J. R. Mills and wife	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	22.25	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Sister Annie Rouse, Sister Mary M. Croom	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	5.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	A .T. Rowe	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	8.50	1923
Lower Town reek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrel, J. E. Harris, G. G. Trevathan	..	..	..	..	..	1	18	8.00	1937
Tysons	Pitt	M. O. Speight	2	..	..	..	..	..	7	12.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	R. C. Williams, W. C. Adams, E. M. Smith	..	..	..	..	1	3	94	10.00	1941
Bethel	Craven										
Macedonia	Craven										
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1950 Session convenes with Lower Town Creek Church, Friday before the second Sunday in October, at 11:00 a. m.

Officers

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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE 119th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT AUTREY'S CREEK, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C., OCTOBER 7, 8, 9, 1949.

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Roberts and followed by Elder Lester Lee, and followed by Elder J. E. Mewborn.

After an intermission of one hour the Messengers assembled in the house and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder A. B. Ayers of the Kehukee Association.

1. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Elder G. G. Trevathan.

2. Visiting brethren and Messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3. The officers of this Association, together with the Messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching.

4. Elders T. F. Adams, N. S. Davis, E. C. Jones, L. A. Johnson and J. T. Williams were chosen to preach this afternoon.

5. Brethren R. W. Edwards, J. R. Brown and Oscar Speight were chosen a Committee on Finance.

6. Letters were received and read from the churches and the Messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

7. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association..

8. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Minutes.
Bear Creek: Elder S. T. Curlee, Brother Troy A. Williams, minutes.
Black Creek: Elds. J. T. Williams, Johnnie Joyner, N. S. Davis and others, minutes.
Delaware River: Minutes.
Kehukee: Elders A. B. Ayers, R. B. Denson, W. E. Grimes and Brother Lester House, minutes.
Little River: Elders T. F. Adams, E. C. Jones and Brother J. W. Watkins, Minutes.
Lower Mayo: No intelligence.
Lower Country Line: Elder A. L. Holloway, F. D. Long, minutes.
Mill Branch: T. T. Hewett, Minutes.
Salem: Elders R. F. Keaton, D. G. Staples, Bro. B. C. Clinard, minutes.
Seven Mile: Elders L. A. Johnson, Lester E. Lee and Junius Barefoot. minutes.
Smith River: Elder B. O. Thompson and wife.
Staunton River: Minutes.
Upper Country Line: Minutes.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting: Minutes.
White Oak: Elders S. Gray and E. F. Pollard, minutes.
Yellow River of Georgia: Minutes.
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Brother N. E. Smith and wife, Sisters Mills and Crough were present from the Pocatalico Association of West Virginia and were seated with us.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at

Lower Town Creek; services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1950 at 11 a. m. Elder W. C. Edwards was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder J. E. Mewborn as alternate.

10. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10: a. m.

11. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send minutes as heretofore:

Abbotts Creek: Minutes.
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Virginia Corresponding Meeting: Minutes.
Warwick: Minutes.
White Oak: Elders J. B. Roberts, W. C. Edwards, M. O. Speight.
Yellow River of Georgia: minutes.

12. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand from 1948	$111.65
Received from Churches	215.00
Received from friends	140.50
Total	$467.15

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing Minutes	$ 45.00
Clerk's Compensation	25.00
Gave visiting ministers	253.00
Miscellaneous	2.00
Balance on hand, 1949	142.15
Total	$467.15

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report may make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of this Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

2. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each month.

3. Resolved, That the Association recommend to the Churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word, unless some church

requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

Resolved, That our Clerk have 900 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $25.00 for his services.

On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder J. E. Mewborn.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder J. B. Roberts, Acts 26:15-18
Elder Lester E. Lee, No special text.
Elder J. E. Mewborn, Remarks on the occasion.

Friday Evening:

Elder T. F. Adams, 23rd Pslam
Elder N. S. Davis, No special text.
Elder E. C. Jones, John 1.
Elder L. A. Johnson, 1 Peter 5:2.

Saturday Morning

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts
Elder R. F. Keaton, 1 Cor. 15:18.
Elder E. F. Pollard, Titus 2:11.
Elder D. G. Staples, Heb. 8:5
Elder C. L. Robbins, Col. 3:1, 2, 3.
Elder S. Gray, Eph. 2:5
Elder A. L. Holloway, Acts 27

Saturday Evening:

Elder S. T. Curlee, 1 John 3:1
Elder A. B. Denson, Gal. 4:2
Elder E. C. Stevenson, Heb. 1:1,7.
Elder Johnnie Joyner, John 6:37, 43
Elder A. B. Ayers, Eph. 4:4,5,6

Sunday Morning:

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder Golden P. Harris of the New River Association, Virginia.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Rom. 8
Elder W. E. Grimes, Heb. 1:4
Elder B. O. Tompson, Matt. 2.
Elder T. L. Grimes, Luke 20:1
Elder W. R. Hines, Matt. 11:25
Elder A. B. Ayers, Psalms 106:11

Sunday Evening

Elder R. B. Denson, 2 Cor. 2:4
Elder B. O. Thompson, Acts 9
Elder E. W. Moore, Luke 2:11
Elder J. P. Tingle, Rev. 5:9
Elder W. C. Edwards, Rom 1:16

Elder W. G. Pate of the Black Creek Association was present on Sunday morning, but was unable to stay, due to attending a funeral.

All of the ministers of the Contentnea Association were present with the exception of Elders E. P. Gerrard and W. B. Kearney.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. C. Smith, R. F. D., Elm City, N. C
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Oscar Farmer, Elm City, N. C.
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NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CLERKS

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution	Yr. Asso last held.
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, J. W. Sumerlin, J. R. Brown	1	..	..	..	..	3	62	$15.00	1949
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Elder E. P. Gerrard, Elder W. C. Edwards	..	..	..	1	..	..	9	10.00	1944
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Mathews, Charlie Vick	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	22.00	1945
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	J. G. Sadler, Warden Lewis	2	..	..	..	..	..	21	8.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	W. D. Williams, L. J. Stocks, L. H. McLawhorn	2	..	..	..	..	1	32	18.00	1948
Kinston	Lenoir	Elder G. G. Trevathan	..	1	..	..	..	..	3	6.00	....
Macedonia	Craven	D. W. Whitford, Elder J. P. Tingle	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	2.00	1852
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder J. P. Tingle, J. S. Tingle	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	2.00	1917
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn and wife, Sister Emily J. Dildy	..	..	..	..	1	..	4	12.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	S. L. Kearney, G. L. Mewborn, J. E. Mewborn	2	..	..	..	..	..	24	20.00	1938
Moore's	Wilson	T. J. Owens, Oscar Farmer	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster	..	..	..	1	1	1	31	10.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W. W. Calhoun, E. L. Weaver, R W. Edwards	4	..	..	1	1	1	46	17.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, G. T. Corbett, Sister Lucy Mills	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	23.00	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Sister Mary M. Croom	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	4.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy, A. F. Rowe	..	..	..	..	1	..	13	5.00	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, J. J. Coltrain, C. L. Coker	3	..	..	..	..	..	21	8.00	1937
Tysons	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, M. O. Speight, Robert Norville	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	17.00	1912
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	J. M. Williams, W. C. Adams, R. C. Williams	2	1	..	..	1	3	93	10.00	1941
		Totals	16	2	..	3	6	11	429	215.00	

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LOWER TOWN CREEK
Edgecombe County, North Carolina
October 6, 7, 8,

1950

1951 session to be held with the church at Mewborn's, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October.

Officers

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS - Moderator, Greenville, N. C.
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN - Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.
ELDER G. G. TREVATHAN - Ass't Clerk, Pinetops, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE 120th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT LOWER TOWN CREEK, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 6, 7, and 8, 1950

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Edwards, and followed by Elder J. B. Roberts.

After an intermission on one hour, the messengers assembled in the house and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder R. B. Denson, of the Kehukee Association.

1. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Elder G. G. Trevathan.

2. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching. Messengers J. W. Harrell and C. L. Coker.

4. Elder N. S. Davis, L. A. Johnson, and Lester E. Lee, were chosen to preach this afternoon.

5. Brethren R. W. Edwards, J. R. Brown, and M. O. Speight were chosen a Committee on Finance.

6. Letters were received and read from the churches and the messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

7. Petitionary Letters were called for to join the Association.

8. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations, as follows:

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Bear Creek—Elder Oscar Broom, and Brother Troy Williams, and others and Minutes.
Black Creek—Elder J. T. Williams, J. E. Craft, O. R. Daniels and others; Minutes.
Delaware River—Minutes.
Kehukee— W. A. White, J. H. Coker, Elder A. B. Ayers and others. Minutes.
Little River—Elder T. L. Grimes. Minutes.
Lower Mayo—Elder W. H. Freeman.
Lower Country Line—F. D. Long and wife, J. J. Whitley, Cecil Massey.
Mill Branch—Minutes.
Salem—Elder D. G. Staples and B. C. Clinard: Minutes.
Seven Mile—Elders L. A. Johnson, Lester E. Lee, and M. F. Westbrook; Minutes.
Smith River—No report.
Staunton River—Elder W. J. Berry: Minutes.
White Oak—Elders S. Gray, E. F. Pollard, Oscar Howard and others; Minutes.
Yellow River of Georgia—No report.
New River—Minutes.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Mewborn's; services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1951 at 11:00 a. m. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. C. Smith as alternate.

10. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10: a. m.

11. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send Minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek—Minutes.
Bear Creek—Elder G. G. Trevathan, M. O. Speight, Elder J. B. Roberts.
Black Creek—Elder G. G. Trevathan, M. O. Speight, V. E. Mewborn, Elder J. B. Roberts.
Delaware River—Minutes.
Kehukee—Elders J. P. Tingle, J. B. Roberts, R. W. Edwards.
Little River—M. O. Speight, Elder G. G. Trevathan.
Lower Country Line—N. H. Hodges, M. O. Speight.
Lexington-Roxbury—Minutes.
Lower Mayo—Minutes.
Mill Branch—M. O. Speight, Elder G. G. Trevathan.
New River—Elder G. G. Trevathan, Minutes.
Pigg River—Minutes.
Salem—N. H. Hodges, Minutes.
Seven Mile—Z. R. Gay, Elders G. G. Trevathan, J. E. Mewborn.
Smith River—Minutes.
Staunton River—Minutes.
Upper Country Line—Minutes.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting—Minutes.
Warwick—Minutes.
White Oak—Elders J. P. Tingle, G. G. Trevathan, V. E. Mewborn, M. O. Speight.
Yellow River of Georgia—Minutes.

12. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, 1950	$121.15
Received from churches	227.85
Received from friends	117.15
Total	$487.15

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailling M[illegible]tes	$55.00
Clerk's Compensation	35.00
Gave visiting ministers	269.00
Miscellaneous	7.00
Balance on hand, 195[illegible]	121.15
Tot[illegible]	$487.15

The report was rec[illegible] and the Commi[illegible] [illegible] after the money was distribute[illegible] [illegible] proper parties [illegible]

1. In as much as [illegible] business is tra[illegible] [illegible] Friday, it is hereby agreed that [illegible] from [illegible] Association who failed to make [illegible] report may make his report [illegible] the Clerk at any time during the [illegible] of this Associ[illegible] [illegible] the Clerk is authorized to record [illegible] our Minutes.

2. On motion it was [illegible] that we publish the [illegible] of ministers

and time of holding quarterly meetings each month.

3. Resolved,that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor , or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

Resolved, that our Clerk have 900 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $35.00 for his services.

On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Associattion.

On motion adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts.

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator,
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk,
ELDER G. G. TREVATHAN, Assistant Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning —

Elder W. C. Edwards, Heb. 10:23-25.
Elder J. B. Roberts.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder L. A. Johnson.
Elder N. S. Davis.
Elder Lester E. Lee.

Saturday Morning:

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder S. Gray of the White Oak Association.

Elder S. Gray, Tim. 1:9.
Elder Oscar Broom, 1 Cor. 6:19,20.
Elder E. F. Pollard, Psa. 15:
Elder D. G. Staples, Jer. 18:
Elder E. C. Stevenson, Matt. 1:24, 25.
Elder S. T. Curlee, John 15:13.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder W. J. Berry, Gal. 6:14.
Elder Johnnie Joyner, John 6:37-44.
Elder H. S. Williams, Col. 1:16.
Elder A. B. Denson.
Elder C. L. Robbins.

Sunday Morning:

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. D. Fly of the Kehukee Association.

Elder J. D. Fly, 1 Pet. 1:3-5
Elder T. L. Grimes, John 4:29.
Elder A. B. Ayers, 1 Cor. 11:2.
Elder R. B. Denson, 2 Cor. 4:5.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Exod. 13.
Elder W. H. Freeman, Rev. 1:18.
Elder M. F. Westbrook, Job 28.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder E. W. Moore, Dan. 3:23.
Elder J. T. Williams, Eph. 2:8.
Elder L. L. Yopp, Phil. 2:12.
Elder W. R. Hines, Psa. 103:7.
Elder W. E Grimes, Prov. 8:23-28.
Elder C. N. Bunn, 1 John 15:16.

The Association was one of the best, and the preaching was exceptionally good. All of the ministers of the Contentnea Association Association were present.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Rt. 3, Snow Hill, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
James G. Gaskill, Hoboken, N. C.
E. P. Gerrard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. C. Edwards, Farmville, N. C.
B .W. Owens, R. F. D. Elm City, N. C.
C. N. Bunn, 57 Virginia Ave., Glen Allen, Va.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.

Licentiate:

Oscar Farmer, Elm City, N. C.

NAME OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, NUMBER OF MINUTES

Autrey's Creek—40: Elder R. B. Denson, Pastor; J. R. Brown, Clerk.
Bethel—4: Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; J. S. Tingle, Clerk.
Damascus—18: Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Fannie M. Dildy, Clerk.
Blounts Creek—8: Elder E. P. Gerrard, Pastor. . .
Goose Creek Island—20: Eld. W. B. Barnes, Pastor, W. R. Lewis, Clerk
Hancock's—20:Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; F. L. Cox, Clerk.
Kinston—5: Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor; Ella Lewis, Clerk.
Lower Town Creek—20: Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; Elder G. G. Trevathan, Clerk.
Meadow—10: Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Nancy Mewborn, Clerk.
Mewborn's—25: Elders J. E. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney, Pastors; J. E. Mewborn, Clerk.
Macedonia—20: Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; D. W. Whitford, Clerk.
Moore's—18: Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor, E. M. Smith, Clerk.
Nahunta—30: Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk.
Red Banks—20: Elder W. C. Edwards, Pastor; Bessie Gay, Clerk.
Sandy Bottom—10: Eld. W. B. Kearney, Pastor; Mrs. Mary Croom, C.
Sandy Grove—15: Elder E. P. Gerrard, Pastor; D. C. Hardy, Clerk.
Tyson's—15: Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; M. O. Speight, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—50: Eld. J. C. Smith, Pastor; J. M. Williams, Clerk.
Pleasant Hill—50: Elder A. B. Denson, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Abbott's Creek— R. L. Comer, Carthage, N. C.	10
Black Creek—Eld. W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C.	20
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	15
Delaware—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware River—Chas. B. Osborne, Quarryville, Penna.	5
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mt. Rt. 2, N. C.	30
Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C.	15
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, 525 Holloway St., Durham, N. C.	15
Lower Mayo—Elder Zeb Rhodes, Kivett Dr. High Point, N. C.	10
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C.	10
Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md.	20
Seven Mile—Graham Jackson, Godwin, N .C. Rt. 1.	15
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.	10
Salem—Elder Z. L. Rhue, Rt. 6, Winston-Salem, N. C.	15
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C.	20
Virginia Corresponding—Mrs. A. D. Alston, Herndon, Va.	8
Warwick—Cyrus Risler, P. O. Box 70, Rutherford, N. J.	8
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Beulaville, N. C.	20
Yellow River—Elder H. O. Nash, 431 Hardendorf, Atlanta, Ga.	5

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek— First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Blounts Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Damascus—Second Sunday in February, May, August, Nvember.
Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, Aug., Nov.
Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Lower Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August, Dec.
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Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Moore's—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Macedonia—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Sandy Bottom—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for

the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Assocation.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. To ap-

point any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion: 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of this Association shall address another in [illegible] term or appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or [illegible] him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject [illegible] breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association sh[illegible]e enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Associa[illegible] requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on th[illegible] who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the [illegible] to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association [illegible] divided.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly [illegible] these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they [illegible] proper.

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Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Eld. E. P. Gerrard						1	8	17.00	1944
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Matthews, Charlie Vick						1	14	25.00	1945
Goose Creek Is.	Pamlico	Carl Lewis, Warden Lewis	3		1				27	7.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	F. L. Cox, W. D. Williams, Lonnie Stocks				1		1	30	15.00	1948
Kinston	Lenoir	Elder G. G. Trevathan							3	6.00	
Macedonia	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle, D. W. Whitford							1	2.00	1852
Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle, J. S. Tingle						1	3	2.00	1917
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn & wife, Emily J. Dildy							4	20.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	Elder W. B. Kearney, J. E. & G. L. Mewborn		1				1	24	20.00	1938
Moore's	Wilson	T. J. Owens, Oscar Farmer						1	18	5.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster				1		2	29	10.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	C. E. Stallings, W. W. Calhoun, R. W. Edwards	1					2	46	16.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	G. T. Corbett, Mattie Parkerson							20	22.85	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Eld. W. B. Kearney, Mary M. Croom							4	5.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy, Mrs. D. C. Hardy	1						15	10.00	1923
Lower Town Cr.	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, C. L. Coker, G. G. Trevathan	1				1		21	8.00	1950
Tyson's	Pitt	J. A. Tyson, M. O. Speight							7	15.00	1912
Upper Town Cr.	Wilson	J. M. Williams, G. W. Gardner, W. C. Adams	3					2	94	10.00	1941
		Totals	11	1	1	2	1	14	429	227.85	

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Officers

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1. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Elder G. G. Trevathan.

2. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this Church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching. The messengers from Mewborn's Church are: G. L. Mewborn, Elder W. B. Kearney, and S. L. Kearney.

4. Elders L. G. Mishoe, H. G. Cox, A. B. Denson, Oscar Broom, and Lester Lee, T. F. Adams, and T. L. Grimes were chosen to preach this afternoon.

5. Brethren W. C. Adams, R. W. Edwards, and M. O. Speight were chosen a Committee on Finance.

6. Letters were received and read from nineteen churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

7. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

8. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Omitted for this time.
Bear Creek: Elder Oscar Broom, T. A. Williams and wife, and Sister J. P. Baucom.
Black Creek: Elder J. T. Williams, Joe E. Craft, E. T. Smith, et. al.
Delaware River: Minutes.
Kekukee: Elders A. B. Denson, R. B. Denson, J. L. Ross et. al.
Little River: Elders T. F. Adams, E. C. Jones, T. L. Grimes, et. al.
Lower Mayo: No report.
Lower Country Line: A. J. Hill, J. J. Whitley, F. D. Long.
Mill Branch: Elders H. G. Cox, L. G. Mishoe, Brother E. L. Vaught.
Salem: Omitted for this time.
Seven Mile: Elders L. A. Johnson, L. E. Lee, Brethren Junius Barefoot and W. J. Tew.
Smith River: No report.
Staunton River: Minutes.
Upper Country Line: Minutes.
White Oak: Elder S. Gray, Brethren J. L. Houston, Oscar Howard.

Yellow River of Georgia: No report.

New River: Minutes.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Tyson's, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1952 at 11:00 a. m. Elder G. G. Trevathan was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen as alternate.

10. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10 a. m.

11. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send Minutes as heretofore.

Abbott's Creek:

Bear Creek: Elders J. E. Mewborn, G. G. Trevathan.

Black Creek: Elders W. C. Edwards, J. B. Roberts, and Brother M. O. Speight.

Delaware River: Minutes.

Kehukee: Elders W. C. Edwards, J. B. Roberts and Brother M. O. Speight, and J. R. Mills.

Little River: Elders W. C. Edwards, J. B. Roberts, Brothers M. O. Speight and Z. R. Gay.

Lower Country Line: Elders G. G. Trevathan, J. B. Roberts, and Brother M. O. Speight.

Lower Mayo: Minutes.

Mill Branch: Elder G. G. Trevathan and Brother M. O. Speight.

New River: Elder G. G. Trevathan and Brother W. C. Adams.

Pigg River District: Minutes.

Salem:

Seven Mile: Elders G. G. Trevathan, W. C. Edwards, Brother Z. R. Gay.

Smith River: Minutes.

Staunton River: Minutes.

Upper Country Line: Minutes.

Virginia Corresponding Meeting: Elder J. E. Mewborn, Minutes.

Warwick: Minutes.

White Oak: Elders W. C. Edwards, G. G. Trevathan, J. B. Roberts and Brother M. O. Speight.

Yellow River of Georgia: Minutes.

12. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand from 1950	$119.15
Received from churches	266.50
Received from friends	137.60
Total	$523.25

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing Minutes	$55.00
Clerk's compensation	35.00
Gave to visiting ministers	315.00
Miscellaneous	2.00
Balance on hand for 1951	**121.25**
Total	**$523.25**

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report, may make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our Minutes.

2. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and the time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

3. RESOLVED: That the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

RESOLVED: That our Clerk have 900 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $35.00 for his services.

On motion, the thanks of the Association are hereby tendered to the citizens of this community for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts.

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator,
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk,
ELDER G. G. TREVATHAN, Ass't Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Services opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. C. Smith.

Elder J. B. Roberts, Malachi 4.
Elder J. T. Williams, Psa. 72:16.
Elder L. A. Johnson, Rev. 1:18.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder L. G. Mishoe, Heb. 10:9.
Elder H. G. Cox, John 6:63.
Elder T. L. Grimes.
Elder L. E. Lee, no special text.
Elder Oscar Broom, excused himself.
Elder T. F. Adams, Isa. 45:7.

Saturday Morning:

Services were opened by Elder George L. Weaver with praise and prayer.

Elder Lewis Williams, Job 23:10.
Elder H. E. Mann, Psa. 127:1.
Elder J. L. Ross, Psa. 19:12.
Elder S. Gray, Eph. 1:4.
Elder Johnnie Joyner, Matt. 5:8.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder W. E. Turner, Hosea 6:1-3.
Elder E. C. Jones, John 10:27.
Elder A. B. Ayers, Acts 27:31.

Sunday Morning:

Services were opened with praise and prayer by Elder M. F. Westbrook.

Elder M. F. Westbrook, Exod. 3:1-15.
Elder E. F. Pollard, Isa. 9:6.
Elder George L. Weaver, Matt. 5:3-10.
Elder W. A. Walton, John 2:6-9.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder R. B. Denson, Heb. 12:23, 24.
Elder W. J. Berry, Mal. 4.
Elder W. E. Grimes, 1 Cor. 13:13.
Elder L. E. Bryan, Rom. 5:1, 2.
Elder W. B. Barnes, John 42:43, 44.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:

J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.
W. B. Kearney, Snow Hill, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
James G. Gaskill, Hoboken, N. C.
W. C. Edwards, Farmville, N. C.
B. W. Owens, R. F. D. Elm City, N. C.
C. N. Bunn, 57 Virginia Ave., Glen Allen, Va.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.

Licentiate:

Oscar Farmer, Elm City, N. C.

NAME OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, NUMBER OF MINUTES

Autrey's Creek—40: Elder R. B. Denson, Pastor; J. R. Brown, Clerk.
Bethel—4: Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; J. S. Tingle, Clerk.
Damascus—18: Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Fannie M. Dildy, Clerk.
Blounts Creek—8: No Pastor; Ada M. Hill, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—20: Eld. W. B. Barnes Pastor; W. R. Lewis Clerk.
Hancock's—20: Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; F. L. Cox, Clerk.
Kinston—5: Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor; Ella Lewis, Clerk.
Lower Town Creek—20: Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; Elder G. G. Trevathan, Clerk.
Meadow—10: Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Nancy Mewborn, Clerk.
Mewborn's—25: Elders J. E. Mewborn, W. B. Kearney, Pastors; J. E. Mewborn, Clerk.
Macedonia—20: Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; D. W. Whitford, Clerk.
Moore's—18: Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; E. M. Smith, Clerk.
Nahunta—30: Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor; Mrs. Clyde Howell Clerk.
Red Banks—20: Elder W. C. Edwards, Pastor; Bessie Gay, Clerk.
Sandy Bottom—10: Elder W. B. Kearney, Pastor; No Clerk.
Sandy Grove—15: Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; D. C. Hardy, Clerk.
Tyson's—15: Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; M. O. Speight, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—50: Eld. J. C. Smith, Pastor; J. M. Williams Clerk.
Pleasant Hill—50: Elder A. B. Denson, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Black Creek—Eld. W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C.	20
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	15
Delaware—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware River—Chas. B. Osborne, Quarryville, Penna.	5
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mt. Rt. 2, N. C.	30
Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C.	15
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, 525 Holloway St., Durham, N. C.	15
Lower Mayo—Elder Zeb Rhodes, Kivett Dr. High Point, N. C.	10
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C.	10
Pigg River—Elder J. D. Wood, Rt. 5, Baltimore 7, Md.	20
Seven Mile—Graham Jackson, Godwin, N .C. Rt. 1.	15
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.	10
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Ferrum, Va.	20
Upper Country Line—Elder J. W. Gilliam, Elon College, N. C.	20
Virginia Corresponding—Mrs. A. D. Alston, Herndon, Va.	8
Warwick—Cyrus Risler, P. O. Box 70, Rutherford, N. J.	8
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Beulaville, N. C.	20
Yellow River—Elder H. O. Nash, 431 Hardendorf, Atlanta, Ga.	5

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek— First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Blounts Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Damascus—Second Sunday in February, May, August, Nvember.
Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, Aug., Nov.
Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Lower Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August, Dec.
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Moore's—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Macedonia—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Sandy Bottom—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Sandy Grove—First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Tyson's—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August, Nov.

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for

the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Assocation.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. To ap-

point any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion: 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by baptism	Rec'd by letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis'd by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution	Year Asso. last held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, Henry Owens, J. R. Brown	4				1	2	62	$15.00	1949
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Ada M. Hill, Dorcas Cratch, George Gerrard				1			6	15.50	1944
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Matthews, Charlie Vick	1	1					16	40.00	1945
Goose Creek Is.	Pamlico	George Ireland, Carl Lewis and wife	1	1	2				31	11.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	F. L. Cox, W. D. Williams, Lonnie Stocks				2			29	14.00	1948
Kinston	Lenoir	Elder G. G. Trevathan, Ella Lewis, Lena Smith							3	6.00	
Macedonia	Craven								1		1852
Bethel	Pamlico								3		1917
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn and wife, Emily Dildy	1						5	20.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	G. L. Mewborn, S. L. Kearney, Eld. W. B. Kearney	1			1			26	35.00	1951
Moore's	Wilson	T. J. Owens, Oscar Farmer						1	17	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster						1	28	10.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	C. E. Stallings, W. W. Calhoun, R. W. Edwards	2					1	44	24.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, George Corbitt, Bessie B. Gay	1					1	20	25.00	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	Ernest J. Davis, Eula Davis						2	2	2.00	1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy, Mrs. D. C. Hardy	1						16	11.00	1923
Lower Town Cr'k	Edgecombe	C. L. Coker, Eld. G. G. Trevathan, A. W. Lewis							21	10.00	1950
Tyson's	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, M. O. Speight							7	15.00	1912
Upper Town Cr'k	Wilson	J. M. Williams, W. C. Adams, G. W. Gardner	2				2	1	93	12.00	1941
		Totals	14	2	2	4	3	9	430		

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CONTENTNEA
Primitive Baptist Association

— Held With —

TYSON'S CHURCH

Pitt County, North Carolina
October 10, 11, 12,

1952

1953 session to be held with the church at Upper Town Creek to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October

— Officers —

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS - Moderator, Greenville, N. C.
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN - Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.
BROTHER E. M. SMITH - Assistant Clerk, Elm City, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE 122nd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT TYSON'S, PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 10, 11, and 12, 1952.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 1952.

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder G. G. Trevathan.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the house and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder N. S. Davis, of the Black Creek Association.

1. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother E. M. Smith.

2. Visiting brethren and messengers from sister Associations were invited to seats with us.

3. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching. The messengers from Tyson's Church are Brother M. O. Speight and J. B. Tyson.

4. Elder E. J. Lambert was chosen to preach this afternoon.

5. Brethren W. C. Adams, J. R. Brown, and R. W. Edwards were chosen a Committee on Finance.

6. Letters were received and read from eighteen churches, and the messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

7. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association. None.

8. Called for corresponding letters and messengers from sister Associations as follows:

Abbott's Creek: Omitted for this time.
Bear Creek: Minutes.
Black Creek: J. E. Craft, O. R. Daniels, et. al.
Delaware River: Minutes.
Kehukee: Elder J. L. Ross, Lester House, et. al.
Little River: Wade Brown, Elder T. F. Adams, et. al.
Lower Mayo: No report.
Lower Country Line: Sister Laura R. Gooch, J. J. Whitley, F. D. Long, et. al.
Mill Branch: B. E. Hewett.
Salem: Omitted for this time.
Seven Mile: Elders L. E. Lee, and B. L. Godwin.
Smith River: No report.
Staunton River: Minutes.
White Oak: Elder S. Gray, John L. Houston.
Yellow River of Georgia: No report.
New River: Minutes.
Upper Country Line: Elder D. V. Spangler and several of the brethren were present, but they stated they were unable to seat with us.
Visitors: Fellowship of Texas: Elder W. W. Taylor; Sulphur Fork of Texas: Elder E. J. Lambert; Laurel Springs, Elder J. C. Dunbar, Elder J. H. Gentry.

9. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at

Upper Town Creek, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1953, at 11 a. m. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen as alternate.

10. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

11. The following brethren agreed to visit sister Associations and we send Minutes as heretofore:

Abbott's Creek:
Bear Creek: Minutes.
Black Creek: Elder J. B. Roberts, M. O. Speight.
Delaware River: Minutes.
Kehukee: M. O. Speight, Elders J. B. Roberts, and G. G. Trevathan.
Little River: M. O. Speight, G. L. Mewborn.
Lower Country Line: Elder G. G. Trevathan, M. O. Speight.
Lexington-Roxbury: Minutes
Lower Mayo: Minutes.
Mill Branch: Elder G. G. Trevathan, M. O. Speight, W. J. Dupree.
New River: Minutes.
Pigg River: Minutes.
Salem:
Seven Mile: Elders G. G. Trevathan, J. E. Mewborn.
Smith River: W. C. Adams, Elder G. G. Trevathan.
Staunton River: Minutes.
Upper Country Line: Minutes.
Virginia Corresponding Meeting: Minutes.
Warwick: Minutes.
White Oak: Elder G. G. Trevathan, G. L. Mewborn, M. O. Speight.
Yellow River of Georgia: Minutes.

12. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:		
Balance on hand, 1952		$121.25
Received from the churches		271.20
Received from friends		229.00
Total		$621.45
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Printing and mailing Minutes	$60.00	
Clerk's compensation	35.00	
Gave to visiting ministers	403.00	
Miscellaneous	2.20	
Balance on hand, 1952		$121.25
Total	$621.45	$621.45

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. In as much as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church or Association who failed to make his report to the Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our Minutes.

2. On motion it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and the time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

3. RESOLVED, that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of

which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

4. RESOLVED, that our Clerk have 850 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations with whom we correspond, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $35.00 for his services.

On motion, it was agreed that an obituary of Elder W. B. Kearney, one of the ministers of the Contentnea Association who has died since our last session, be prepared and appended to these Minutes.

On motion, the Association extends their most sincere thanks to the people of Farmville and vicinity for their generosity in entertaining and helping to care for the Association, and especially to the school officials for the use of the Farmville School auditorium.

On motion, adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts.

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator,
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk,
BROTHER E. M. SMITH, Assistant Clerk.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder J. B. Roberts, opened service with praise and prayer.
Elder G. G. Trevathan, John 5:45.
Elder J. B. Roberts, John 1:1-3.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder E. J. Lambert, Heb. 12:1-3.

Saturday Morning:

Elder J. L. Ross opened service with praise and prayer.
Elder J. L. Ross, 2 Tim. 1:8, 9.
Elder J. T. Williams, 2 Tim. 4:2.
Elder H. E. Mann, 1 Tim. 3:16.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder W. E. Grimes, John 3:1-14.
Elder Lewis Williams, no special text.
Elder W. G. Pate, John 3:16
Elder A. B. Ayers, 1 Cor. 12:13.

Sunday Morning:

Elder R. B. Denson opened service with praise and prayer.
Elder R. B. Denson, John 16:7.
Elder T. F. Adams, Psa. 23.
Elder W. W. Taylor, Heb. 9:27, 28.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder J. C. Dunbar, no special text.
Elder T. L. Grimes, 6:1-8.
Elder E. C. Stevenson, 1 Pet. 1:21.
Elder W. R. Hines, John 3:7.
Elder Eddie Humphrey, no special text.
Elder A. B. Ayers, Deut. 31:7, 8.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:

J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C .
J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
James G. Gaskill, Hoboken, N. C.
W. C. Edwards, Farmville, N. C.
B. W. Owens, R. F. D., Elm City, N. C.
C. N. Bunn, 57 Virginia Ave., Glenn Allen, Va.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.
E. P. Gerrard, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Licentiate:

Oscar Farmer, Elm City, N. C.

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OBITUARY

ELDER W. B. KEARNEY

Elder W. B. Kearney, son of Deacon J. J. Kearney and Celia Howell Kearney, was born January 28. 1884, and died December 2, 1951. He was married to Miss Betsy Johnson on November 29, 1905. To this union were born eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, 28 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren also survive.

He united with the Church at Mewborns the second Saturday in July, 1905, and was baptised by Elder Thomas B. Lancaster on the following Sunday morning; he was licensed to preach at the November meeting, 1914, and was ordained to the full work of the ministry at the November meeting, 1917, by a presbytery consisting of Elders T. B. Lancaster, J. C. Hooks and D. A. Mewborn.

Elder Kearney was called to serve Bear Creek Church in the town of LaGrange, N. C., during the year of 1919, and he served this church until 1937. He was called to serve the church at Sandy Bottom, lenoir County, N. C., in the year 1919, and he served this church until his death. Upon the death of Elder T. B. Lancaster in 1925, he was called to serve both the churches at Nahunta and Mewborns. He served with Elder J. W. Gardner at Nahunta until Elder Gardner's death, after which he served as long as he lived. At Mewborn's Church, he served with the writer in a joint capacity until his death. Thus he served Bear Creek for a period of 18 years, Sandy Bottom 33 years, Mewborn's and Nahunta 26 years.

He also served the church at Hadnot's Creek in Carteret County for several years.

Elder Kearney had served as Moderator of the Contentnea Association for the years 1932 through 1936. He always attended the Union Meetings and Associations, and all nearby churches. He was never known to miss any of his meetings when not providentially hindered.

He was sober in mind and conduct. His word and integrity were never questioned. He provided well for his household, and the conduct of both he and his companion was as nearly perfect as could be before their children. His wife met every requirement of that in the home, and of an undershepherd as prescribed and directed in and according to 1 Timothy 2:11. He had a good report from them that are without. Elder Kearney was sound in both faith and doctrine, and he contended earnestly for that faith which was once delivered to the saints. He was determined throughout his entire ministry of a period of 37 years, to know nothing among his churches other than Jesus Christ and Him crucified. He earnestly and unflinchingly taught, as he was also fully persuaded, that what God had promised, He was able to perform.

Elder Kearney was a gifted and excellent singer, and he strived to improve the singing among his churches which he visited, and especially those in which he served. He was an humble man, and was never at his best, neither felt his best until he had given his Savior full credit for every good and perfect gift, and as being the Author Finisher of our faith.

His funeral was conducted by Elders J. B. Roberts, W. E. Turner, R. B. Denson, and W. C. Edwards at Mewborn's Church on Tuesday, December 4, 1951, there being a large concourse of brethren and friends present. He was laid to rest in the church cemetery. And we felt to say in the language of the apostle, "that ye sorrow not, even as those which have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him." (1 Thess. 4:13, 14). "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, yea henceforth saith the spirit that they may rest from labors and their works do follow hem." (Rev. 14:13).

—J. E. MEWBORN

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, NUMBER OF MINUTES

Autrey's Creek—40: Elder R. B. Denson, Pastor; J. R. Brown, Clerk.
Bethel—4: Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; J. S. Tingle, Clerk.
Damascus—18: Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor, Eld. W. C. Edwards, Clerk.
Blounts Creek—8: No Pastor; Ada M. Hill, Clerk.
Goose Creek Island—20: Eld. W. B. Barnes Pastor; W. R. Lewis Clerk.
Hancock'c—20: Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; F. L. Cox, Clerk.
Kinston—5: Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor; Lena Smith, Clerk.
Lower Town Creek—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor Elder G. G. Trevathan, Clerk.
Meadow—10: Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Nancy Mewborn, Clerk.
Mewborn's—25; Elder J. E. Mewborn, Pastor; J. E. Mewborn, Clerk.
Macedonia—20: Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; D. W. Whitford, Clerk.
Moore's—18: Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; E. M. Smith, Clerk.
Nahunta—30: Elder N. S. Davis, Pastor, Mrs. Clyde Howell, Clerk.
Red Banks—20: Elder W. C. Edwards, Pastor; Bessie Gay, Clerk.
Sandy Bottom—10: No Pastor; No Clerk.
Sandy Grove—15: Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor, D. C. Hardy, Clerk.
Tyson's—15: Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor, M. O. Speight, Clerk.
Upper Town Creek—50: Eld. J. C. Smith, Pastor, E. M. Smith, Clerk.
Pleasant Hill—50: Elder A. B. Denson, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek— First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Blounts Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Damascus—Second Sunday in February, May, August, Nvember.
Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, Aug., Nov.
Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Kinston—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Lower Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August, Dec.
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Mewborn's—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Moore's—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Macedonia—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Sandy Bottom—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and conveyed shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power of the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the fraternal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Assocation.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. to inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. To appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion: 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Black Creek—Eld. W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C.	20
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, Rt. 2, Monroe, N. C.	15
Delaware—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware River—Chas. B. Osborne, Quarryville, Penna.	5
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rocky Mt. Rt. 2, N. C.	30
Little River—Elder E. C. Jones, Varina, N. C.	15
Lower Country Line—J. J. Whitley, 525 Holloway St., Durham, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C.	10
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, P. O. Box 186, Manassas, Va.	20
Seven Mile—L. D. Reaves, Coats, N. C.	15
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.	10
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Ferrum, Va.	20
Upper Country Line—Elder D. V. Spangler, Rt. 6, Danville, Va.	20
Virginia Corresponding—Arthur L. Carter, Manassas, Va.	8
Warwick—Cyrus Risler, P. O. Box 70, Rutherford, N. J.	2
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, Beulaville, N. C.	20
Yellow River—Elder H. O. Nash, 431 Hardendorf, Atlanta, Ga.	5

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by letter	Excluded	Deceased	Membership	Contribution	Year of Last Session
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, H. F. Owens, J. R. Brown	2	..	..	..	1	2	63	$15.00	1949
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Ada M. Hill, Mumford Warren	1	..	..	..	..	1	8	16.00	1944
Damascus	Pitt	J. A. Matthews, Charlie Vick	..	..	..	..	..	1	15	37.00	1945
Goose Creek Is.	Pamlico	Eld. J. G. Gaskill, Ira Carawan, Mary Carawan	..	..	..	..	..	..	31	13.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	W. D. Williams, L. J. Stocks, F. L. Cox	..	..	..	..	..	..	29	21.00	1948
Kinston	Lenoir	Eld. G. G. Trevathan, Ella M. Lewis	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	6.00	
Macedonia	Craven	D. W. Whitford, Elder J. P. Tingle	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2.00	1852
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder J. P. Tingle	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	2.00	1917
Meadow	Greene	L. A. Mewborn, W. J. Dupree	3	..	..	..	..	..	8	15.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	G. L. Mewborn, S. L. Kearney, J. E. Mewborn	..	..	..	..	..	2	24	25.00	1951
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer, Nannie Luper, Fannie Forbes	..	..	..	..	..	1	16	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster	..	..	..	..	..	1	27	10.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	C. E. Stallings, W. W. Calhoun, R. W. Edwards	3	..	..	..	1	3	43	21.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, George Corbett, Bessie B. Gay	..	..	..	..	..	1	19	39.20	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	No report.	..	..	..	..	..	..	2		1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy, A. F. Rowe	..	..	..	..	..	..	15	6.00	1923
Lower Town Cr'k	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, C. L. Coker, A. W. Lewis	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	10.00	1950
Tyson's	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, M. O. Speight	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	-15.00	1952
Upper Town Cr'k	Wilson	R. C. Williams, W. C. Adams, E. M. Smtih	3	..	..	..	..	2	93	12.00	1941
		Totals	12	..	..	..	2	15	428	271.20	

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CONTENTNEA
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

— Held with the —

UPPER TOWN CREEK CHURCH

Wilson County, North Carolina

October 9, 10, 11,

1953

1954 session to be held with the church at the Meadow to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS - Moderator, Greenville, N. C.
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, - Clerk, Snow Hill, N. C.
DEACON E. M. SMITH - Assistant Clerk, Elm City, N. C.

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Proceedings

OF THE 123rd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT UPPER TOWN CREEK, WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, OCTOBER 9, 10, and 11, 1953

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1953.

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. B. Roberts, and followed by Elder J. E. Mewborn.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church, and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. B. Barnes of the Black Creek Association.

1. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Deacon E. M. Smith.

2. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching. The messengers from Upper Town Creek Church are Brethren W. C. Adams, R. C. Williams, and E. M. Smith.

3. Elder C. N. Bunn, and Deacons J. R. Mills and R. W. Edwards were chosen a Committee on Finance.

4. Letters were received and read from seventeen churches, and the contents and messengers' names were enrolled in the Statistical Table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association, and none were presented.

6. On motion, it was agreed that we omit correspondence this year with the exception of Kehukee and Black Creek Associations, but that we send minutes as heretofore:

Black Creek: J. E. Craft, E. T. Smith, et al.

Kehukee: Elders J. L. Ross, A. B. Ayers, R. B. Denson, I. H. C. Joyner et al.

Visitors: Deacon O. Y. Clayton and wife, Sister Ruth Clayton and Sister May Fannie Davis from Gooch Memorial Church, Stem, North Carolina.

7. Appointed our next association to be held with the

Meadow Church, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1953, at 11 a. m. Elder J. B. Roberts was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder W. C. Edwards as the alternate.

8. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

9. The following brethren agreed to visit the Black Creek and Kehukee Associations:

Black Creek: C. L. Coker, R. W. Edwards.
Kehukee: J. R. Mills, R. W. Edwards.

10. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, 1952	$121.25
Received from churches	273.25
Received from friends	188.35
Total	$582.85

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing minutes	$60.00	
Clerk's compensation	35.00	
Given to ministers	286.00	
Miscellaneous - Moore's Church	30.00	
Balance on hand, 1953	171.85	
Total	$582.85	582.85

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

2. On motion, it was agreed that we publish the names of ministers and the time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

3. RESOLVED, that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have

him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

4. RESOLVED, that our Clerk have 850 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $35.00 for his services.

5. On motion, conference was adjourned to time and place appointed, with prayer by Elder J. B. Roberts.

After conference adjourned, Elder W. E. Turner was appointed to preach, and he used the following text: Exodus 14:19-22.

ELDER J. B. ROBERTS, Moderator
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk
DEACON E. M. SMITH, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder J. B. Roberts, opened service with praise and prayer.
Elder J. B. Roberts, John 14:1,16
Elder J. E. Mewborn, 1 Cor. 12

Friday Afternoon:

Elder W. E. Turner, Ex. 14:19,22

Saturday Morning:

Elder J. D. Fly, opened service with praise and prayer
Elder J. L. Ross, Rev. 22:1,2
Elder Johnnie Joyner, Rom. 8:24,25
Elder R. B. Denson, Psalms 107:23,24

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder W. E. Grimes, 2 Tim. 2:15
Elder C. L. Robbins, Col. 1:1, 2, 3

Sunday Morning:

Elder C. L. Coker, opened service with praise and prayer
Elder C. L. Coker, no special text
Elder Albert Parrott Mewborn, Songs of Sol. 2:1-4
Elder J. D. Fly, Isaiah 40:2
Elder W. B. Barnes, Tim. 2
Elder A. B. Ayers, Acts 8:32

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder E. C. Stevenson, Psalm 51
Elder J. T. Williams, James 2:5
Elder J. P. Tingle, Matt. 25:15

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:

J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C.
J. B. Roberts, Greenville, N. C.

G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
J. G. Gaskill, Hobucken, N. C.
E. P. Gerrard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. C. Edwards, Farmville, N. C.
B. W. Owens, RFD, Elm City, N. C.
C. N. Bunn, Route 4, Box 253, Glen Allen, Va.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.

Licentiates:

Oscar Farmer, Elm City, N. C.
C. L. Coker, Pinetops, N. C.
A. P. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.

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Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; J. S. Tingle, Clerk
Blount's Creek—Elder J. G. Gaskill, Pastor; Mrs. Ada M. Hill, Clerk
Damascus—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Elder W. C. Edwards, Clerk
Goose Creek Island—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; W. R. Lewis, Clerk
Hancock's—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor, F. L. Cox, Clerk
Kinston—Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor; Mrs. Lena S. Smith, Clerk
Lower Town Creek—Eld. J. C. Smith, Pastor; Eld. G. G. Trevathan, Clk.
Meadow—Elder J. B. Roberts, Pastor; Mrs. L. A. Mewborn, Clerk
Mewborn's—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Pastor; J. E. Mewborn, Clerk
Moore's—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; E. M. Smith, Clerk
Nahunta—Elder N. S. Davis, Pastor; Mrs. Amanda Lancaster, Clerk
Pleasant Hill—Elder C. N. Bunn, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk
Red Banks—Elder W. C. Edwards, Pastor; Mrs. Bessie B. Gay, Clerk
Sandy Bottom—No Pastor; No Clerk
Sandy Grove—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; D. C. Hardy, Clerk
Tyson's—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; J. B. Tyson, Clerk
Upper Town Creek—Elder J. C. Smith, Pastor; E. M. Smith, Clerk

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Autrey's Creek—J. R. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.	50
Blount's Creek—Mrs. A. M. Hill, R 1, Bx. 182, Blount's Creek, N. C.	10
Damascus—Eld. W. C. Edwards, 603 W. Wilson St., Farmville, N. C.	18
Goose Creek Island—Warden Lewis, Lowland, N. C.	28
Hancock's—F. L. Cox, Grimesland, N. C.	29
Kinston—Mrs. Heber Smith, Rt. 4, Box 158, Kinston, N. C.	5
Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	5
Meadow—Mrs. L. A. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.	10
Mewborn's—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.	25
Moore's—E. M. Smith, RFD 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	18
Nahunta—Mrs. Amanda Lancaster, Pikeville, N. C.	25
Red Banks—Mrs. J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	20
Sandy Grove—D. C. Hardy, Aurora, N. C.	12
Tyson's—J. B. Tyson, RFD 2, Farmville, N. C.	5
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Edwards, RFD 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	50
Upper Town Creek— E. M. Smith, RFD 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	60

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C.	20
Bear Creek— T. A. Wiliams, RFD 2, Monroe, N. C.	16

Delaware—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware River—Charles B. Osborne, Quarryville, Penna.	5
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, RFD 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	32
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C.	16
Lower Country Line—Elder L. P. Martin, Roxboro, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, RFD 2, Loris, S. C.	10
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, Box 186, Manassas, Va.	20
Seven Mile—L. D. Reeves, Coats, N. C.	10
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.	15
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, RFD 3, Box 66, Ferrum, Va.	15
Upper Country Line—Elder D. V. Spangler, RFD 6, Danville, Va.	15
Virginia Corresponding—Arthur L. Carter, Manassas, Va.	8
Warwick—Cyrus Risler, Box 70, Rutherford, N. J.	3
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, RFD 2, Pink Hill, N. C.	16
Lexington-Roxbury—Elder A. H. Bellows, West Hurley, N. Y.	10
New River—Cecil C. Phillips, Snowville, Va.	6
Yellow River—Elder H. O. Nash, 431 Hardendorf, Atlanta, Ga.	5

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RULES OF DECORUM

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STATISTICAL TABLE

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Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, H. F. Owens, Joseph Coker	4					1	65	15.00	1949
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	George Gerrard, Dorcas G. Cratch						1	7	21.00	1944
Damascus	Pitt	Charlie Vick, J. A. Matthews	1					3	13	37.00	1945
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Eld. J. G. Gaskill, Florence Lewis, Mary Carrawan					2	2	27	16.75	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	W. D. Williams, L. J. Stocks							29	25.00	1948
Kinston	Lenoir	Eld. G. G. Trevathan, Ella M. Lewis, Lena Smith							3	5.00	
Macedonia	Craven	Eld. J. P. Tingle reports last member died this year						1			1852
Bethel	Pamlico	Eld. J. P. Tingle							3	2.00	1917
Meadow	Greene	I. J. Horton, W. J. Dupree, L. A. Mewborn							8	20.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	B. L. Bartlett, S. L. Kearney, George Gray	3					2	25	27.50	1951
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer, Sisters Nannie Luper, Wm. A. Fly						2	14	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	P. L. Lancaster, D. A. Lancaster					1	1	25	10.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	C. E. Stallings, W. W. Calhoun, R. W. Edwards							43	24.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, G. T. Corbett			1				20	22.00	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	No Report							2		1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy, A. F. Rowe						3	12	5.00	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	Eld. G. G. Trevathan. J. W. Harrell, C. L. Coker						2	19	10.00	1950
Tyson's	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, Pattie Norville, Edward Norman						2	5	15.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. C. Adams, R. C. Williams, E. M. Smith	2					8	87	12.00	1953
		Totals	10		1		3	28	407	$273.25	

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FRIDAY, October 8, 1954.

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder W. C. Edwards, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Edwards, followed by Elder J. E. Mewborn, and followed by Elder A. P. Mewborn.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church, and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder R. B. Denson of the Kehukee Association.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Deacon E. M. Smith.

2. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching. The messengers from the Meadow Church are Brethren W. J. Dupree, I. J. Horton and L. A. Mewborn.

3. Brethren J. R. Mills, W. C. Adams and R. W. Edwards were chosen a Committee on Finance.

4. Letters were received and read from seventeen churches, and the contents and messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

6. Called for correspondence.

Kehukee: Lester House, Elder A. B. Ayers, Elder W. E. Grimes.

Visitors:

Black Creek: E. T. Smith, Joe E. Craft, Elder W. B. Barnes and others.

Upper Country Line: Elder D. V. Spangler, Elder W. C. King and J. H. Swaim.

Smith River: Elder B. O. Thompson and wife.

Lost Creek Association of Alabama: Elder W. R. Utley and wife.

Gooch Memorial Church: Sister Laura Gooch, Minnie Thomason.

Pigg River: J. L. Bocock.

There were a number of brethren from other churches and associations whose names we failed to get.

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Red Banks in Pitt County, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1955, at 11 a. m. Elder C. N. Bunn was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder J. E. Mewborn as alternate.

8. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

9. The following brethren agreed to visit the Kehukee Association: Brethren J. R. Mills, B. L. Bartlett, W. J. Dupree. It is agreed that we send minutes as heretofore.

10. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, 1953	$171.85
Received from churches	249.00
Received from friends	109.50
Total	$530.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing minutes	$ 60.00	
Clerk's compensation	35.00	
Gave to visiting elders	256.50	
Miscellaneous	7.00	
Balance on hand, 1955	171.85	
Total	$530.35	$530.35

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messengers from any church in the Association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the clerk is authorized to record same in our minutes.

2. On motion, it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and the time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

3. **Resolved:** that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

4. **Resolved:** that our Clerk have 850 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $35.00 for his services.

5. An obituary of Elder J. B. Roberts, our former moderator, was read and approved, and same was ordered by the Association to be appended to these minutes.

6. On motion, it is agreed that Brethren W. C. Adams, R. W. Edwards and J. E. Mewborn be appointed a Committee to look after the Primitive Baptist Church property at Sandy Bottom in Lenoir County, North Carolina, and to make such recommendations to the Association as they deem best.

7. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with prayer by Elder G. G. Trevathan.

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN, Moderator
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN. Clerk
DEACON E. M. SMITH, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder W. C. Edwards, Rev. 22:1.
Elder J. E. Mewborn, 1 Chron. 16.
Elder A. P. Mewborn, no special text.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder W. E. Grimes, Heb. 9:13.
Elder Bennie Owens, "God is Love".
Elder C. N. Bunn, Heb. 2:11, 17.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Mal. 4.
Elder C. L. Coker, John 10:1.

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. E. Grimes opened service with praise and prayer.
Elder Johnnie Joyner, John 6:25-28.
Elder W. R. Utley, John 3:3.
Elder J. C. Smith, Prov. 8:31.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder W. C. King, Titus 2:11-15.
Elder D. V. Spangler, 1 Cor. 3:10,11.
Elder I. S. Connor, Rom. 8:15.

Sunday Morning:

Elder A. B. Ayers, opened services with praise and prayer.
Elder J. L. Bocock, Heb. 3:1.
Elder B. O. Thompson, Heb. 11:13-17.
Elder A. B. Ayers, Luke 22:41-45.
Elder R. B. Denson, Matt. 27:30.
Elder W. E. Grimes, Heb. 9:11,12.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder W. B. Barnes, 1 Tim. 4:1-4.
Elder E. C. Stevenson, Psalms 62:1,2.
Elder J. D. Fly, Eph. 1:3,4.
Elder C. L. Robbins, 1 Cor. 1:23, 24.
Elder C. D. Turner, Acts 4:10-14.
Elder J. G. Gaskill, Zach. 13:1
Elder G. G. Trevathan, no special text.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:

J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
J. C. Smith, Elm City, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
J. G. Gaskill, Hobucken, N. C.
E. P. Gerrard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. C. Edwards, Morehead City, N. C.
B. W. Owens, RFD, Elm City, N. C.
C. N. Bunn, Route 4, Box 253, Glen Allen, Va.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.
C. L. Coker, Pinetops, N. C.
A. P. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.

Licentiates:

Oscar Farmer, Elm City, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek—Elder R. B. Denson, Pastor; J. B. Coker, Clerk
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Autrey's Creek—J. R. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.	50
Blount's Creek—Mrs. A. M. Hill, R 1, Bx. 182, Blount's Creek, N. C.	10
Damascus—Lane D. Roberts, Farmville, N. C.	18
Goose Creek Island—Warden Lewis, Lowland, N. C.	28
Hancock's—F. L. Cox, Grimesland, N. C.	29
Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	5
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Moore's—E. M. Smith, RFD 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	18
Nahunta—Mrs. Amanda Lancaster, Pikeville, N. C.	25
Red Banks—Mrs. J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	20
Sandy Grove—D. C. Hardy, Aurora, N. C.	12
Tyson's—J. B. Tyson, RFD 2, Farmville, N. C.	5
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Edwards, RFD 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	50
Upper Town Creek— E. M. Smith, RFD 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	60
Lower Town Creek—Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.	30

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C.	20
Bear Creek—T. A. Williams, RFD 2, Monroe, N. C.	16
Delaware—Mrs. Letha Blackwell, Hopewell, N. J.	10
Delaware River—Charles B. Osborne, Quarryville, Penna.	5
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, RFD 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	32
Little River—Elder T. F. Adams, Willow Springs, N. C.	16
Lower Country Line—Elder L. P. Martin, Roxboro, N. C.	15
Mill Branch—E. L. Vaught, RFD 2, Loris, S. C.	10
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, Box 186, Manassas, Va.	20
Seven Mile—L. D. Reeves, Coats, N. C.	10
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.	15

Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, RFD 3, Box 66, Ferrum, Va.	15
Upper Country Line—Elder D. V. Spangler, RFD 6, Danville, Va.	15
Virginia Corresponding—Arthur L. Carter, Manassas, Va.	8
Warwick—Cyrus Risler, Box 70, Rutherford, N. J.	3
White Oak—Elder L. E. Bryan, RFD 2, Pink Hill, N. C.	16
Lexington-Roxbury—Elder A. H. Bellows, West Hurley, N. Y.	10
New River—Cecil C. Phillips, Snowville, Va.	6
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Elder Roberts was an humble man all through his life. He was greatly blessed to understand truth from error, and to stand firm through his entire ministry. He earnestly contended for the faith of our fathers as well as to have asked for the old paths and to walk therein. He had a great love for the people, and was always ready to lend a helping hand to those who were down and especially the underprivileged, and even his foes. He rejoiced with them that rejoiced and wept with them who would weep. It has been said of him again and again that he had a word of encouragement to the poor and those who were down more so than any other man of his day. Elder Roberts loved his brethren and the churches everywhere and constantly prayed for the peace of them. His brethren in the churches loved and praised him. He gave his time and means to them, and his Lord blessed him in return. He had a most affable and pleasing manner, but would frown quickly on that which he knew to be wrong, both in the sight of men and that of his maker. He lived simply but greatly. His loyalty and devotion to his friends and brethren was unsurpassed.

He stood well and was greatly respected in the business world. People in all walks of life trusted and looked to him for counsel in times of distress. He was greatly blessed in each marriage, and the children have risen up and called them blessed. Prov. 30. He served his maker best by serving His people.

His easy approach, his meek and humble spirit, his keen intellect, and his kind heart at all times open, made it easy for his friends to reach his very soul. He was willing to spend and to be spent in the cause of his Master.

No pastor was more faithful to his charges, none preached abler, none was more sound in the doctrine than he. He conducted more funerals than any other minister in his day which were representative of every denomination. It is a fact that he served at 186 funerals in 365 days, an average of one every other day in that year.

There was not a man in all the Contentnea Association who was esteemed so highly. He will be missed by one and all and more particularly so by those churches he served so faithfully and long as well as by his household and children.

The writer assisted Elder A. P. Mewborn, one of his favorite sons, at his funeral in Farmville Church. I read portions of scripture concerning the resurrection at the request and under his direction which was made in 1945. J. E. Mewborn

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Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	H .F. Owens, Z. R. Gay, W. E. Smith						2	63	$ 15.00	1949
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Dorcas Cratch, Ada M. Hill, George Gerrard							8	19.00	1944
Damascus	Pitt	Charlie Vick, Fred Trevathan, Lane D. Roberts	3					2	14	17.00	1945
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Carl Lewis, Florence Lewis, Mary Carawan						2	26	15.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	W. D. Williams, L. J. Stocks							30	24.00	1948
Kinston	Lenoir	No Messengers						1	1	1.00	....
Bethel	Pamlico	Represented by Letter						1	2	2.00	1917
Meadow	Greene	W. J. Dupree, I. J. Horton, L. A. Mewborn			2				10	15.00	1942
Mewborn's	Greene	G. D. Gray, B. L. Bartlett, G. L. Mewborn						1	24	31.00	1951
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer, Sisters Wm. A. Fly, Nannie Luper	3					3	14	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	P. L. Lancaster, D. A. Lancaster					3	1	21	10.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	C. E. Stallings, W. W. Calhoun, R. W. Edwards	3					1	45	22.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, Bessie B. Gay, Maggie Everette	2					1	21	10.00	1943
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	No Messengers, No Membership				2					1848
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	A. F. Rowe, D. C. Hardy							12	8.00	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	Elder G. G. Trevathan, J. W. Harrell, A. W. Lewis	11					3	27	10.00	1950
Tyson's	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, Pattie Norville					2		3	15.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. C. Adams, R. C. Williams, E. M. Smith	4					3	88	12.00	1953
		Totals	26		2	2	5	21	407	$249.00	

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OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

The Church at Damascus

FARMVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 12, 13, and 14,

1956

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OFFICERS

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN	Moderator
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN	Clerk
BROTHER E. M. SMITH	Assistant Clerk

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Proceedings

OF THE 126th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT DAMASCUS, IN THE TOWN OF FARMVILLE, N. C.,

October 12, 13, and 14, 1956.

FRIDAY, October 12, 1956.

After an opening hymn and prayer by Elder C. N. Bunn, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. P. Mewborn, followed by Elder A. B. Ayers.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church, and the Association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder G. G. Trevathan.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator, and Elder J. E. Mewborn was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother E. M. Smith.

2. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching.

3. Brethren J. R. Mills, W. C. Adams and R. W. Edwards were chosen a Committee on Finance.

3 (a). A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to rescind the action of the 1953 conference in not seating our former corresponding associations.

4. Letters were received from the churches, and the contents and messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

5. Petitionary Letters were called for to join the Association.

6. Called for correspondence:
Kehukee: Elder A. B. Ayers.

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Red Banks, Pitt County, North Carolina, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1957 at 11:00 o'clock a. m. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder C. N. Bunn, alternate.

8. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

9. Appointed messengers to visit the Kehukee Association: R. W. Edwards, J. R. Mills, Elder C. N. Bunn.

10. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:

Balance on hand, 1955	$171.85
Received from churches	207.50
Received from friends	116.50
Total	$495.85

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing Minutes	$ 50.00
Clerk's compensation	35.00
Gave to visiting Elders	219.00
Balance on hand, 1957	171.85
Total	$495.85

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the Association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the clerk is authorized to record same in our Minutes.

2. On motion, it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and the time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

3. RESOLVED: that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the Word, unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she will actually choose him as such.

4. RESOLVED: that our Clerk have 750 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $35.00 for his services.

5. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with benediction.

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN, Moderator
ELDER J. E. MEWBORN, Clerk
BROTHER E. M. SMITH, Ass't. Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder C. N. Bunn opened service with praise and prayer.
Elder A. P. Mewborn
Elder A. B. Ayers

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. E. Grimes opened service with praise and prayer.
Elder S. R. Boykin, 1 Kings 3:9
Elder R. B. Denson, Prov. 9:1-3
Elder C. N. Bunn, Gen. 45:19, 20.
Elder C. L. Coker, Luke 22:10.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder W. E. Grimes, Heb. 11
Elder W. W. Taylor, 1 Cor. 2:2
Elder W. E. Turner

Sunday Morning:

Brother E. C. Harrison opened services with praise and prayer.
Brother E. C. Harrison, Deut. 32:2
Elder W. B. Barnes, Luke 23:34, 35
Elder A. L. McKinney, Gen. 3:9
Elder E. C. Stevenson, Heb. 12:1
Elder J. G. Gaskill, 1 Cor. 3

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder Bennie Owens
Elder W. C. Edwards, John 14:6
Elder W. W. Taylor, Matt. 25:1, 13

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:
J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
J. G. Gaskill, Hobucken, N. C.
E. P. Gerrard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. C. Edwards, Morehead City, N. C.
B. W. Owens, RFD 4, Wilson, N. C.
C. N. Bunn, Route 4, Box 253, Glen Allen, Va.
J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.
C. L. Coker, Pinetops, N. C.
A. P. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.

Licentiates:
Oscar Farmer, Elm City, N. C.
A. W. Lewis, Pinetops, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek—Elder R. B. Denson, Pastor; J. B. Coker, Clerk
Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; Elder J. P. Tingle, Clerk
Blount's Creek—Elder J. G. Gaskill, Pastor; Mumford Warren, Clerk
Damascus—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; Lane D. Roberts, Clerk
Goose Creek Island—No Pastor; Viola Lewis, Clerk
Hancock's—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; Nina B. McLawhorn, Clerk
Lower Town Creek—Eld. C. L. Coker, Pastor, W. W. Stallings, Jr., Clk.
Meadow—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; I. J. Horton, Clerk
Mewborn's—Elder J. E. Mewborn, Pastor; J. M. Mewborn, Clerk
Moore's—Elder B. W. Owens, Pastor; E. M. Smith, Clerk
Nahunta—Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor; Amanda Lancaster, Clerk
Pleasant Hill—Elder C. N. Bunn, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk
Red Banks—Elder A. L. McKinney, Pastor; Mrs. Bessie B. Gay, Clerk
Sandy Bottom—No Pastor; No Clerk
Sandy Grove—Elder W. C. Edwards, Pastor; D. C. Hardy, Clerk
Tyson's—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; J. B. Tyson, Clerk
Upper Town Creek—Elder B. W. Owens, Pastor, E. M. Smith, Clerk

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Autrey's Creek—J. R. Brown, Macclesfield, N. C.	50
Blount's Creek—Mumford Warren, Blount's Creek, N. C.	10
Damascus—Lane Roberts, Farmville, N. C.	18
Goose Creek Island—Viola Lewis, Lowland, N. C.	20
Hancock's—Nina B. McLawhorn, Route, Ayden, N. C.	40
Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.	5
Meadow—I. J. Horton, Walstonburg, N. C.	20
Mewborn's—J. E. Mewborn, Snow Hill, N. C.	30
Moore's—E. M. Smith, Route 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	20
Nahunta—Mrs. Burt Lancaster, Pikeville, N. C.	25
Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	20
Sandy Grove—D. C. Hardy, Aurora, N. C.	12
Tyson's—J. B. Tyson, Farmville, N. C.	5
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Edwards, Route 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	50
Upper Town Creek—E. M. Smith, RFD 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	60

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Blount's Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
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Goose Creek Island—Fourth Sunday in February, May, Aug., Nov.
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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and sceonded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

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OBITUARY OF ELDER J. C. SMITH

In the passing of Elder J. C. Smith at his home March 13, 1956, the churches of the Contentnea Association have lost one of their ablest Elders, and Edgecombe County one of its best citizens. He was born February 26, 1873, near Bath, Beaufort County, North Carolina, and married Miss Lizzie F. Burbage in 1887. To them were born twelve children, eight of whom survive together with twenty-four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

He joined the church at old North Creek, Beaufort County, North Carolina, November, 1901, and was baptized by Elder D. W. Topping. He served this church as Clerk from May, 1902 until January, 1924. He was liberated at North Creek as a licensed Elder in 1919 and in November, 1924 was ordained to the full work of the ministry by Elders D. W. Topping and Tilman Sawyer.

Brother and Sister Smith moved to Edgecombe County in 1924, and petitioned for letters of dismission to unite with Upper Town Creek Church which were granted. Brother Smith's ministry was blessed of Almighty God which was proven by his fruitful labor among the following churches which prospered during his tenure as pastor. He served Moore's Church from 1925 until death; Upper Town Creek from June, 1933 until death (Elder J. W. Weaver served jointly with Elder Smith here until death); Lower Town Creek from 1933 until death, and Autrey's Creek from 1933 until 1939.

Elder Smith loved his brethren everywhere and they in turn loved him and looked to him as a true father in Israel. He was outstandingly characterized at all times for his kind and gentle manner. It was one that expressed that peace that comes from God who fills the souls of the household of faith with love. This was always noticeable in his countenance. It is truly said of him that he adorned his profession with a well ordered walk and a godly conversation. He had earthly trials and much affliction, yet he was made able by the same grace that Paul received to bear them all by running the race with patience until his appointed time.

In closing many will witness with me that his life was like unto that of the Apostle, ever "determined to know nothing among you save Jesus Christ and Him crucified. His remarks often in speaking were reflected by Paul's writing especially the scripture, "Unto me who am less than the least of all saints is this grace given that I might preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ." In his soul he felt to be the least of all.

Today we believe that his soul is in the Paradise of God and His Savior, awaiting the completion and fulfillment of time when Jesus shall return, changing and fashioning his corruptible body like unto His own glorious body.

Submitted in love,

J. E. Mewborn
Snow Hill, N. C.

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Shiloh	Pamlico	Jonah Lewis, Sister Minnie Mayo, Mary Carawan					2		21	10.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	W. D. Williams, L. J. Stocks, L. B. Hill	7					2	35	20.00	1948
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder W. C. Edwards, J. P. Tingle	2				1		3	2.00	1917
Meadow	Greene	W. J. Dupree, J. D. Mewborn, M. B. Mewborn	2						16	15.00	1954
Mewborn's	Greene	G. L. Mewborn, S. L. Kearney, Eld. J. E. Mewborn							28	20.00	1951
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer, Sisters William Fly, Nannie Luper	1						14	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. L. Lancaster						1	19	12.50	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	R. W. Edwards, W. W. Calhoun, C. N. Bunn	1	2				2	47	10.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	G. T. Corbett, Sisters Nollee Mills, Lillian Sutton							18	25.00	1955
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	No Messengers									
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy, Elder W. C. Edwards						2	10	7.00	1923
Lower Town Crk.	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, Jasper Edwards, W. W. Stallings, Jr.	6						33	10.00	1950
Tyson's	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, Sister Pattie Norville							3	15.00	1952
Upper Town Crk.	Wilson	W. C. Adams, R. C. Williams, E. M. Smith				1		3	76	12.00	1953

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Red Banks

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OCTOBER 11, 12 and 13,

1957

Next session convenes with the church at Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe County, N. C., to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1958.

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OFFICERS

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN	Moderator
BROTHER E. M. SMITH	Clerk
BROTHER W. W. STALLINGS Jr.	Ass't. Clerk

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 11, 1957.

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder C. N. Bunn the introductory sermon was preached by Elder A. P. Mewborn, followed by Elder C. N. Bunn and W. E. Grimes.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church, and the association was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder C. L. Coker.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen moderator and brother E. M. Smith was chosen clerk, who called to his assistance Brother W. W. Stallings Jr.

2. The officers of this association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.

3. Brethren J. R. Mills, W. C. Adams, R. W. Edwards were chosen a Committee on Finance.

4. Letters were received from the churches, and the contents and messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

(4a) A motion was made and seconded that Mewborn Church be excluded and agreed.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the association.

6. Called for correspondence:

Kehukee: Elder W. E. Grimes

(6a) A motion and second and agreed that we take up correspondence with the Black Creek Association.

Black Creek: Brethren Joe E. Craft, E. T. Smith.

Visitors From other Associations:

Pigg River: Elder E. C. Jones

Seven Mile: Elders Lester Lee, W. D. Godwin.

Smith River: Elder B. O. Thompson.

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1958 at 11:00 o'clock a. m., Elder J. G. Gaskill was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder W. C. Edwards alternate.

8. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

9. Appointed messengers to visit sister associations:

Kehukee: Brethren R. W. Edwards, Elder W. C. Edwards.

Black Creek: Bros. R. W. Edwards, J. R. Mills, Elder W. C. Edwards.

(9a) A motion made, seconded and agreed that the mailing list of minutes to the churches be corrected.

10. The committee on Finance made the following report:

RECEIPTS:		
Balance on hand, 1956		$171.85
Received from churches		198.21
Received from friends		149.18
Total		$519.24
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Printing and mailing minutes	$50.00	
Clerk's compensation	35.00	
Gave visiting Elders	281.00	
Refunded to Mewborns Church	35.00	
Balance on hand, 1957	118.00	
Misc.	.24	
Total		$519.24

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

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Elder E. C. Jones, John 15:13
Elder Lester Lee, 1 John 10:10
Elder W. D. Godwin, Dan. 4

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. E. Grimes opened with praise and prayer.
Elder I. S. Conner, Eccl. 27:7
Elder A. L. McKinney, John 1:1
Elder B. D. Handy, 1 Cor. 4:5,6
Elder E. C. Harrison, John 14:1
Elder S. R. Boykin, Luke 18:17

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Johnnie Joyner, Rom. 8:14
Elder B. O. Thompson, Acts 2
Elder L. H. Stevenson, Matt. 5:17, 18

Sunday Morning:

Elder B. W. Owens opened service with praise and prayer.
Elder W. B. Barnes, failed to get text
Elder W. C. Edwards, Rom. 8:28,32
Elder A. B. Ayers, John 12:24
Elder C. L. Coker, 1 Cor. 15:1-10
Brother W. D. Stokes, Luke 2
Elder A. P. Mewborn, Acts 2

Sunday Afternoon

Elder G. G. Trevathan, no special text
Elder J. G. Gaskill, Eph. 2:6
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against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and sceonded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. To appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

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RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

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13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	CLERKS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES	Rec'd. by Baptism	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership	Contribution	Year Asso. Last Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, H. F. Owens, J. R. Highsmith	3						68	$15.00	1949
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	George Gerrard						1	4	12.00	1944
Damascus	Pitt	Fred Trevathan, L. D. Roberts				1			14	17.00	1945
Shiloh	Pamlico	Jonah Lewis. Wife, Sister Mary Carrawan	2						21	11.51	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	L. B. Hill, J. M. Sawyer, L. J. Stocks	1						36	20.00	1948
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder W. C. Edwards, Charlie Willis	1	1				1	4	2.70	1917
Meadow	Greene	I. J. Horton, L. A. Mewborn, J. D. Mewborn				1	3		12	15.00	1954
Moore's	Wilson	Oscar Farmer, E. M. Smith, Sister Nannie Luper						1	14	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	D. A. Lancaster, P. A. Lancaster						2	17	11.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	Henry Jones, C. E. Stallings, R. W. Edwards	1					3	46	10.00	1947
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, G. T. Corbett, E. S. Hardy							18	31.00	1957
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	No messengers									
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	Elder W. C. Edwards, Alton Willis						2	8	10.00	1923
Lower Town Crk.	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrel, Jasper Edwards, W. W. Stallings Jr.						2	31	10.00	1950
Tyson's	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, wife, Sister Pattie Norville	2						5	15.00	1952
Upper Town Crk.	Wilson	R. C. Williams, W. C. Adams, E. M. Smith	1				2	1	74	12.00	1953

Absentees marked thus*

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Held With the Church at

Pleasant Hill

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[1958]

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Proceedings

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FRIDAY, October 10, 1958

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder A. P. Mewborn the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. C. Edwards.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and the conference was opened by hymn of praise and prayer by Elder Lester Lee.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator and Brother E. M. Smith was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance Brother W. W. Staliings, Jr.

2. The officers of this Association together with the messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangeents for preaching.

3. Brethren J. R. Mills, W. C. Adams, and R. W. Edwards were chosen a Committee on Finance.

4. Letters were received from the churches, and the contents and messengers' enrolled in Statistical Table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

6. Called for correspondence:

Kehukee: Elders A. B. Ayers, R. B. Denson, and Brother I. H. C. Joyner.

Black Creek: Elder Johnnie Joyner, Brother E. T. Smith.

(6a) Agreed to take up correspondence with the Seven Mile Association.

Seven Mile: Elders Lester Iee, W. D. Godwin, and Brother L. J. Kinsey.

Visitors from other Associations:

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Staunton River: Elder R. S. Payne and wife.

Upper County Line: Elder J. W. Gilliam.

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Lower Town Creek, Edgecombe County, N. C., services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1959 at 11

o'clock a. m., Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder J. G. Gaskill, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit sister Associations:

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Black Creek: R. W. Edwards, R. C. Williams, and Elder A. P. Mewborn.

Seven Mile: R. W. Edwards, Elders C. L. Coker, A. P. Mewborn.

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

10. The Committee on Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand, 1957	$118.00	
Received from the churches	213.85	
Received from friends	177.70	$509.55
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Printing and mailing Minutes	$ 50.00	
Clerk's compensation	35.00	
Gave visiting Elders	285.60	
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For Association Book	10.95	
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Elder A. B. Ayers, opened with praise and prayer.
Brother Rufus Brown, Eccl. 3:12.
Elder J. O. Conner, "Little required.."
Elder B. D. Handy, Isa. 61:10.
Elder G. G. Trevathan, John 7:43.

Saturday Morning in the House:
Elder Harvey Smith, 2 Sam. 23:5.
Elder E. C. Jones, Acts 8:29-35.

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Elder L. H. Stevenson, Psa. 23.
Elder R. B. Denson, Rom. 9:4-7.
Elder W. E. Turner, Luke 2:34, 35.
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Elder Johnnie Joyner, Titus 2:11.
Elder S. R. Boykin, Luke 8:22-25.

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Elder C. N. Bunn, opened with praise and prayer.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Acts 28:20-24.
Elder J. P. Helms, 2 Tim. 4:2.
Elder A. B. Ayers, Isa. 26:19.

Sunday Morning in the House:
Elder J. W. Gilliam, Rom. 8:1.
Elder R. S. Payne, Acts 13:24.

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Elder C. L. Robbins, Col. 3:1
Elder E. C. Stevenson, Heb. 11:3-7.
Brother Mark Garner, 1 Cor. 1:18.

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Elder A. L. McKinney, Matt. 1:21.
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Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	H. F. Owens, J. R. Highsmith, Z. R. Gay	1					4	65	$15.00	1949
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Doracas Scratch							4	11.00	1944
Damascus	Pitt	L. D. Roberts, F. C. Trevathan, C. J. Vick							14	15.00	1956
Shiloh	Pamlico	Minnie Mayo, Elder J. G. Gaskill and wife			1		1		20	13.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	L. B. Hill, W. D. Williams, Jr., J. E. Lang	11				1	1	45	20.00	1948
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder W. C. Edwards							4	7.00	1917
Meadow	Greene	I. J. Horton, J. D. Mewborn, L. A. Mewborn	2						4	18.50	1954
Moore's	Wilson	E. M. Smith, Nannie Luper, William Fly						1	13	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	P. L. Lancaster, and others						1	16	9.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	Henry Jones, W. W. Calhoun, R. W. Edwards						2	46	12.00	1958
Red Banks	Pitt	G. T. Corbitt, Nola Hardy, J. R. Mills						2	16	28.00	1957
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	No messengers									
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	A. F. Rowe, Elder W. C. Edwards						1	9	12.85	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, Jasper Edwards, W. W. Stallings, J					1	2	28	19.50	1950
Tyson's	Pitt	W. J. Dupree, J. M. Eastwood, J. B. Tyson		1					6	15.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. C. Adams, R. C. Williams, E. M. Smith						1	73	12.00	1953

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OF THE

One Hundred Twenty-Ninth

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HELD WITH

Lower Town Creek Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 9, 10, 11,

[1959]

Next session onvenes with the Church at Hancocks, Pitt County, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1960.

— OFFICERS —

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN	Moderator
BROTHER E. M. SMITH	Clerk
BROTHER W. W. STALLINGS, Jr.	Assistant Clerk

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OF THE 129th ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT LOWER TOWN CREEK, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C.

OCTOBER 9, 10, 11, 1959.

FRIDAY, October 9, 1959.

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder G. G. Trevathan, the Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder A. P. Mewborn, followed by Elder J. G. Gaskill.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church, and the conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Turner.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator, and Brother E. M. Smith was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother W. W. Stallings, Jr.

2. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a Committee on Arrangements for preaching.

3. Brethren J. R. Mills, W. C. Adams, R. W. Edwards were chose a committeee on finance.

4. Letters were received from the churches, and the contents and messengers' names enrolled in the Statistical Table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

6. Called for correspondence:

Kehukee: Brother I. H. C. Joyner, Elders A. B. Ayers and E. C. Harrison.

Black Creek: Brethren J. T. Ballance, E. T. Smith.

Seven Mile: Brother L. J. Kinsey,Elder Lester Lee.

Visitors from other Associations:

Pig River: Elders E. C. Jones, J. O. Conner, J. P. Helms, Rufus Brown.

Upper Country Line: Elder Ernest Oakley.

Elder W. W. Taylor of Texas.

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at Hancock's, services to begin Friday before the second

Sunday in October, 1960, at 11 a. m., Elder D. B. Stokes was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon, and Elder A. P. Mewborn, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit sister Associations:

Kehukee: Brethren R. W. Edwards, J. R. Mills, Elder G. G. Trevathan.

Black Creek: Brethren R. W. Edwards, R. C. Williams.

Seven Mile: Brethren R. W. Edwards, W. J. Dupree, R. C. Williams.

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

10. The Committee of Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand, 1958	$118.00	
Received from the churches	194.75	
Received from friends	130.25	$443.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing Minutes	$ 55.00	
Clerk's compensation	35.00	
Gave visiting Elders	261.00	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Balance on hand, 1959	83.00	$443.00

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the Association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record same in the Minutes.

2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding Quarterly Meetings of each church.

3. Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she actually choose him as such.

4. Resolved that our Clerk have 750 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed to the churches and Associations; record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $35.00 for his services. Agreed to give the Moderator $10.00

5. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with benediction.

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN, Moderator
BROTHER E. M. SMITH, Clerk
BRO. W. W. STALLINGS, Jr. Ass't. Clerk.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder G. G. Trevathan, opened with praise & prayer.
Elder A. P. Mewborn, Isa. 63.
Elder J. G. Gaskill, 2 Cor. 4.

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Lester Lee, Deut. 29:29.
Elder W. E. Turner, Matt. 5:6.

Saturday Morning:

Elder D. B. Stokes, opened with praise and prayer.
Elder J. O. Conner, Matt. 16:13.
Elder Rufus Brown, Heb. 7:3.
Elder W. E. Grimes, John 17.
Elder Johnnie Joyner, Eph. 2:1.

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder E. C. Jones, Matt. 22:40-42.
Elder A. B. Ayers, Psa. 105:1-5.
Elder L. H. Stephenson, Gen. 37:19.

Sunday Morning:

Elder A. P. Mewborn, opened with praise and prayer.
Elder S. R. Boykin, Jer. 23:1-6.
Elder J. P. Helms, Acts 8:35.
Elder R. B. Denson, John 6:27-29.
Elder I. S. Conner, 1 John 4:9.

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder C. L. Robbins, Matt. 18:1-3.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Matt. 6:1-15.
Elder M. E. Garner, Gen. 22:14.
Elder E. C. Harrison, Acts 4:12.
Elder D. B. Handy, Titus 2.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:

J. P. Tingle, Grantsboro, N. C.
G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
J. G. Gaskill, Hobucken, N. C.
E. P. Gerrard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
W. C. Edwards, Morehead City, N. C.
C. N. Bunn, Route 4, Box 253, Glen Allen, Va.
C. L. Coker, Pinetops, N. C.
A. P Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.
D. B. Stokes, 416 Nelson Drive, Jacksonville, N. C.

Licentiates:

A. W. Lewis, 504 Walnut St., Tarboro, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek—Elder R. B. Denson, Pastor; J. B. Coker, Clerk
Bethel—Elder J. P. Tingle, Pastor; Elder J. P. Tingle, Clerk
Blount's Creek—Elder D. B. Stokes, Pastor; Mumford Warren, Clerk
Damascus—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; Lane D. Roberts, Clerk
Hancock's—Elder A. P Mewborn, Pastor; Nina B. McLawhorn, Clerk
Lower Town Cr'k—Elder C. L. Coker, Pastor, W. W. Stallings Jr. Clerk
Meadow—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; I. J. Horton, Clerk
Moore's—Elder G G. Trevathan, Pastor; E. M. Smith Clerk
Nahunta—Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor; Amanda Lancaster, Clerk
Pleasant Hill—Elder C. N. Bunn, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk
Red Banks—Elder A. L. McKinney, Pastor; Mrs. Bessie B. Gay, Clerk
Shiloh—Elder A. L. Boykin, Pastor, Viola Lewis, Clerk
Sandy Bottom—No Pastor; No Clerk
Sandy Grove—Elder W. C. Edwards, Pastor; A. F. Rowe, Clerk
Tyson's—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; J. B. Tyson, Clerk
Upper Town Creek—No Pastor; E. M. Smit, Clerk

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Blount's Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Damascus—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Shiloh—Fourth Sunday in February, May, Aug., Nov.
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DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Autrey's Creek—J. B. Coker, Fountain, N. C.	50
Bethel—No pastor. no Clerk.	
Blount's Creek—Mumford Warren, Blount's Creek, N. C.	10
Damascus—Lane Roberts, Farmville, N. C.	18
Hancock's—Nina B. McLawhorn, Rt. 1, Ayden, N. C.	50
Lower Town Creek, W. W. Stallings, Tarboro, N. C.	35
Meadow—I. J. Horton, Walstonburg, N. C.	20
Moore's—E. M. Smith, Route 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	20
Nahunta—Mrs. Burt Lancaster, Pikeville, N. C.	25
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Edwards, Route 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	50
Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	20
Shiloh—Viola Lewis, Lowlands, N. C.	25
Sandy Grove—D. C. Hardy, Aurora, N. C.	12
Tyson's—J. B. Tyson, Farmville, N. C.	8
Upper Town Creek—E. M. Smith, RFD 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	60

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monicello Dr., Wilson, N. C.	20
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rt. 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	40
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, Box 186, Manassas, Va.	25
Seven Mile—Elder W. D. Godwin, Wade, N. C.	10
Smith River—Elder J. G. L. Hash, Rt. 3, Box 66, Ferrum, Va.	15
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.	15
Upper Country Line—D. V. Spangler, Rt. 5, B. 332F. Danville Va.	20

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.
2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.
4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.
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Shiloh	Pamlico	Eld. J. G. Gaskill and wife, Mary Carrawan						1	19	12.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	J. M. Sawyer, L. J. Stocks, L. B. Hill	2				1	1	45	20.00	1948
Bethel	Pamlico	Elder W C. Ewards							4	3.00	1917
Meadow	Greene	J. Horton, J. D. Mewborn, L. A. Mewborn	1						15	15.00	1954
Moore's	Wilson	E. M. Smith, Sisters Williams, Fly, F. Bridges		2				2	13	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	P. L. Lancaster, Pearl Smith, Ninie Peele						1	15	9.00	1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	W. W. Calhoun, Henry Jones, R. W. Edwards	1		1				47	15.00	1958
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, G. T. Corbitt, E. S. Hardy	1					1	16	29.00	1957
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir	No messengers									
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	A. F. Rowe						1	8	11.75	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrel, Jasper Edwards, W. W. Stallings							28	12.00	1959
Tyson's	Pitt	W. J. Dupree, J. M. Eastwood, J. B. Tyson						1	5	10.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	M. D. Simmons, R. C. Williams, E. M. Smith					2	4	67	12.00	1953

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Autrey's Creek

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 6, 7, AND 8,

1961

Next session convenes with the Church at North River, Carteret County, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962.

OFFICERS

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN .... Moderator
BROTHE E. M. SMITH .... Clerk
BROTHER W. W. STALLINGS .... Assistant Clerk

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OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT AUTREY'S CREEK, EDGECOMBE COUNTY, N. C., OCTOBER 6, 7, 8, 1961.

FRIDAY—October 6, 1961

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder A. P. Mewborn, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder C. L. Coker, followed by Elder A. P. Mewborn.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church, and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder Amos Hash.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator and Brother E. M. Smith was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, Brother W. W. Stallings, Jr.

2. The officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.

3. Brethren W. C. Adams, J. R. Mills, R. W. Edwards were chosen a committee on finance.

4. Letters were received from the churches, and the contents and messengers' names enrolled in the statistical table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

6. Called for correspondence:

Kehukee: Elder W. E. Grimes, A. B. Ayers, Brother Lee Grimes.

Black Creek: Elder W. B. Barnes, Brother Joe E. Craft.

Seven Mile: Elders W. D. Godwin, Lester Lee, Brother J. G. Young.

Visitors from other Associations:

Pig River: Elder J. O. Conner, Sister Conner.

Smith River: Elder Amos Hash, Brother Linwood Nichols.

Saint Rest Church, Dallas, Texas: Elder W. W. Taylor.

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the Church at North River; services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1962, at 11:00 A. M. Elder D. B. Stokes was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder A. P. Mewborn, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit sister Associations:

Kehukee: Elder G. G. Trevathan, Brethren W. C. Adams, L. B. Hill.

Black Creek: Brethren W. C. Adams, R. C. Edwards, W. J. Dupree.

Seven Mile: Brethren R. C. Williams, L. B. Hill, Elder G. G. Trevathan.

(a) A motion made and second and agreed to rescind article 9a and the Clerk be given liberty to send Association notice to any paper he sees fit.

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a. m.

10. The committee on Finance made the following report:

Balance on hand, 1960	$ 83.00	
Received from the Churches	211.00	
Received from friends	168.25	$462.25

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing and mailing minutes	$ 55.00	
Clerk's compensation	35.00	
Gave visiting Elders	258.25	
Gave the Moderator	10.00	
Balance on hand, 1961	104.00	$462.25

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

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4. Resolved that our Clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations; record

one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $35.00 for his services. Agreed to give the Moderator $10.00.

5. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with benediction.

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN, Moderator
BROTHER E. M. SMITH, Clerk
BROTHER W. W. STALLINGS, JR.
Ass't Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder A. P. Mewborn, opened with hymn and prayer
Elder C. L. Coker, 2nd Tim. 1:1-3
Elder A. P. Mewborn, St. John 6:29

Friday Afternoon:

Elder A. B. Ayers, Col. 1:17-19
Elder Lester Lee, Matt. 16:18

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. E. Grimes opened with hymn and prayer
Elder B. D. Handy, 2nd. Cor. 5:1-3
Elder Rufus Brown, Isa. 46:10
Elder W. E. Grimes, no special text.
Elder Amos Hash, Isa. 9:6
Elder Johnnie Joyner, St. John 3:1

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder J. O. Conner, Eph. 1:3
Elder W. E. Turner, Job 23:13-16
Elder L. H. Stephenson, Heb. 2:9
Elder Harvey Smith, Isa. 55:8

Sunday Morning:

Elder A. P. Mewborn opened with hymn and prayer
Elder W. T. Brown, John 15:16
Elder W. B. Barnes, Acts 2:29-44
Elder W. W. Taylor, Luke 2:9-11
Elder S. R. Boykin, Isa. 57:20

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder E. C. Harrison, John 3:16
Elder W. D. Godwin, Dan. 1:37
Elder I. S. Conner, Psa. 23
Elder M. E. Garner, Ezek. 37:1

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

Elders:

G. G. Trevathan, Pinetops, N. C.
J. G. Gaskill, Hobucken, N. C.
E. P. Gerrard, Rocky Mount, N. C.
C. N. Bunn, Route 4, Box 253, Glen Allen, Va.
C. L. Coker, Pinetops, N. C.
A. P. Mewborn, Farmville, N. C.
D. B. Stokes, 416 Nelson Drive, Jacksonville, N. C.
W. T. Brown, Verona, N. C.

Licentiates:

A. W. Lewis, 504 Walnut St., Tarboro, N. C.
Sam Jones, Maple Hill, N. C.
Oliver Allen, Rt., Goldsboro, N. C.

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autry's Creek—Elder C. L. Coker, Pastor; J. B. Coker, Clerk
Bethel—Elder W. C. Edwards, Pastor; C. M. Willis, Clerk
Blount's Creek—Elder J. G. Gaskill, Pastor; Mumford Warren, Clerk
Damascus—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; Lane D. Roberts, Clerk
Hancock's—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; Nina B. McLawhorn, Clerk
Lower Town Cr'k—Elder C. L. Coker, Pastor, W. W. Stallings Jr. Clerk
Meadow—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; I. J. Horton, Clerk
Moore's—Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor; E. M. Smith Clerk
Nahunta—Elder G. G. Trevathan, Pastor; Amanda Lancaster, Clerk
Pleasant Hill—Elder C. N. Bunn, Pastor; R. W. Edwards, Clerk
Red Banks—Elder A. L. McKinney, Pastor; Mrs. Bessie B. Gay, Clerk
Shiloh—Elder S. R. Boykin, Pastor, Viola Lewis, Clerk
Sandy Bottom—No Pastor; No Clerk
Sandy Grove—No pastor; A. F. Rowe, Clerk
Tyson's—Elder W. B. Barnes, Pastor; J. B. Tyson, Clerk
Upper Town Creek—Elder M. E. Garner, Pastor; E. M. Smith Clerk
North River—No pastor; Carrie B. Gillikin, Clerk
New Bay—Elder W. T. Brown, Pastor; C. R. Allen, Clerk

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Blount's Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Bethel—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Damascus—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Shiloh—Fourth Sunday in February, May, Aug., Nov.
Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Lower Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August, Nov.
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Moore's—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Nahunta—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November.
Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Sandy Bottom—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Sandy Grove—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Tyson's—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December.
Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August, Nov.
North River—Fouth Sunday in January, April, July, October.
New Bay—First Sunday in March, June, September, December.

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO CHURCHES

Autrey's Creek—J. B. Coker, Fountain, N. C.	50
Bethel—C. M. Willis, Grantsboro, N. C.	12
Blount's Creek—Mumford Warren, Blount's Creek, N. C.	10
Damascus—Lane Roberts, Farmville, N. C.	18
Hancock's—Nina B. McLawhorn, Rt. 1, Box 35, Ayden, N. C.	50
Lower Town Creek, W. W. Stallings, Tarboro, N. C.	35
Meadow—I. J. Horton, Walstonburg, N. C.	20
Moore's—E. M. Smith, Route 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	20
Nahunta—Mrs. Burt Lancaster, Pikeville, N. C.	25
Pleasant Hill—R. W. Edwards, Route 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	50
Red Banks—J. R. Mills, Chicod, N. C.	20
Shiloh—Viola Lewis, Lowlands, N. C.	25
Sandy Grove—A. F. Rowe, P. O.Box 277, Ayden, N. C.	12
Tyson's—J. B. Tyson, Farmville, N. C.	8
Upper Town Creek—E. M. Smith, RFD 1, Box 303, Elm City, N. C.	60
North River—Mrs. Carrie B. Gillikin, Rt. 2, Bx. 203, Beaufort, N. C.	10
New Bay—Elder W. T. Brown, Verona, N. C.	20

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Black Creek—Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monicello Dr., Wilson, N. C.	20
Kehukee—Elder R. B. Denson, Rt. 2, Rocky Mount, N. C.	40
Pigg River—Elder John D. Wood, Box 186, Manassas, Va.	25
Seven Mile—Elder W. D. Godwin, Wade, N. C.	10
Smith River—Amos Hash, Rt. 2, Ferrum, Va.	15
Staunton River—W. J. Oakes, Blairs, Va.	15
Upper Country Line—D. V. Spangler, Rt. 5, B. 332F. Danville Va.	20

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptised, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association by not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated: but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and sceonded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of this Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. To appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

5. He shall adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the persons who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise or speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of this Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of the same, nor whispering in the time of public speech.

9. No member of this Association shall address another in any term or appellation than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in, or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject except he breaks the Rules of this Decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Counties	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored to Fel.	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Membership	Contribution	Asso. Last Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	H. F. Owens, Z. R. Gay, J. R. Highsmith	....	....	....	....	....	2	62	$15.00	1961
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	Dorcas Cratch, George Gerrard	....	....	....	....	....	....	4	6.00	1944
Damascus	Pitt	Charlie Vick, Fred Travathan, L. D. Roberts	....	....	....	1	....	2	10	15.00	1956
Shiloh	Pamlico	Mary Carawan, Bessie Lewis, Viola Lewis	1	....	....	....	....	....	19	11.00	1868
Hancock's	Pitt	W. D. Williams, Jr., Jessie Lang, L. B. Hill	....	....	....	....	....	....	45	21.00	1960
Bethel	Pamlico	No Report									1917
Meadow	Greene	I. J Horton, J. D. Mewborn, Elder A. P. Mewborn	....	....	....	....	....	2	12	15.00	1954
Moore's	Wilson	W. C. Trevathan, E. M. Smith, Sis. Florence Bridges	1	....	....	....	....	1	12	6.00	1946
Nahunta	Wayne	No Report									1939
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	Elder C. N. Bunn, Henry Jones, R. W. Edwards	....	....	....	....	....	....	47	15.00	1958
Red Banks	Pitt	J. R. Mills, Sister Mills, E. S. Hardy	....	....	....	....	....	....	17	31.00	1957
Sandy Bottom	Lenoir										
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	D. C. Hardy, A. F. Rowe	....	....	....	....	....	....	8	10.00	1923
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. W. Harrell, Jasper Edwards, W. W. Stallings, Jr.	....	....	....	....	....	....	28	19.00	1959
Tyson's	Pitt	W. J. Dupree, J. M. Eastwood, J. B. Tyson	....	....	....	....	....	....	5	15.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	R. C. Williams, W. C. Adams, E. M. Smith	....	....	....	....	....	6	56	12.00	1953
North River	Carteret	W. B. Gillikin, Vernon Gillikin, Mary Gillikin	1	....	....	....	....	....	9	10.00	
New Bay	Onslow	Elder W. T. Brown, C. R. Allen	2	1	6	....	....	1	17	10.00	

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Minutes

OF THE

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ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Beth-el Church

PAMLICO COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 6, 7, 8
1972

Next session convenes with the church at North East, Onslow County, North Carolina, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1973.

OFFICERS

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN .... Moderator
ELDER W. W. STALLINGS, JR. .... Clerk
BROTHER J. CAROLL WILLIAMS .... Assistant Clerk

Proceedings

OF THE 142nd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH BETH-EL CHURCH PAMLICO COUNTY, N. C., OCTOBER 6, 7, 8

Firday, October 6, 1972

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder Oliver Allen, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Prescott, followed by Elder Oliver Allen.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder D. V. Spangler.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen clerk, who called to his assistants, Brother J. Carroll Williams.

2. The Officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.

3. Brethren Stedman Brown, Vernon Gillikin, George E. Williford were chosen a committee on finance.

4. Letters were received from the churches, and the contents and messengers names enrolled in statistical table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association. Moved and agreed to read petitionary letter from Cypress Creek Church sent by C. M. Brown, Albert Manning, Earnest Jones. Church was unanimously received. Moved and agreed to read petitionary letter from Stump Sound Church sent by Caroline Davis, Hannah Millis, Gertrude Sanders. Church was unanimously received.

6. Called for correspondence:

Kehukee: Brethren Lee Gooch, Thomas Williams, M. D. Simmons, Sr.
Black Creek: Elder W. B. Barnes, Elder S. R. Boykin
Seven Miles: Elder W. D. Godwin and wife, Sister Lovie Young
Smith River; Elder Hale Terry, Sister Hale Terry
Upper Country Line: Elder D. V. Spangler, W. J. Lambeth

Visitors from other Associations:

Sulphur Ford Association: Elder W. W. Taylor
Pigg River: Elder J. R. Hollandsworth and wife, Elder Rufus Brown, Warren Brown.
Union Church: Willard Cox

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at North East, Onslow County, services to begin Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1973, at 11:00 A.M. Elder Bob Lyliston was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. J. Rhue, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit Associations:

Kehukee: Elder Henry Jones, Stedman Brown, L. B. Hill
Black Creek: Elder W. W. Stallings, Stedman Brown, I. S. Jones
Seven Miles: Elder Harmon Brown, Clayton Brown, Vernon Gillikin
Smith River: Elder A. P. Mewborn, L. B. Hill, W. A. Robinson
Upper Country Lines: I. J. Prescott, Elder Bob Lyliston, Elder A. P. Mewborn

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

10. The committee on finance made the following report:

Blance on hand, savings 12-29-72	$196.10
Balance on hand, checking 1-1-73	91.26
Received from Churches	340.30

Received from Friends	250.96
TOTAL........	$591.26
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Printing of Minutes	95.00
Clerk's Compensation	50.00
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Moderator	20.00
Beth-el Church	30.00
Boy Scouts	25.00
Supplies, typing and postage	20.00
Gave visiting Elders	250.00
	$500.00
Deposited savings	50.00
Deposited checking	41.26
TOTAL	**$591.26**

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

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4. Resolved that our Clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $50.00 for his services. Agreed to give the Moderator $20.00, and Assistant Clerk $10.00.

5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerks be recorded in our Association Minutes.

6. Obituary of Elder C. Norman Bunn was read and received. Agreed one copy be recorded on the Association records, one copy sent to the Signs of the Times for publication, and a copy to the family.

7. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with bendiction.

A. P. Mewborn, Moderator
W. W. Stallings, Clerk
J. Carroll Williams, Ass't Clerk

ELDER CHARLIE NORMAN BUNN

Inasmuch as it has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us, our beloved minister, pastor, husband, and friend, Elder C. Norman Bunn, by reason of necessity, we bow in humble submission to the sovereign will of God who doeth all things well.

Elder Bunn was born September 12, 1910, to Godly parents, Charlie M. Bunn and Johnnie W. Bunn, in Nash County near Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and expired May 24, 1972, in Richmond, Virginia. There remains in his family to mourn his passing his precious wife, Nellie Williams Bunn and the following sisters and brothers: David Bunn of Jacksonville, N. C., George R. and R.

Marcus Bunn of Rocky Mount, N. C., Mrs. Pearlie B. Denson of Vienna, Va., Mrs. Sallie Chaffin of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Mary Ella Sutton of Red Oak, N. C., and a host of brethren and friends.

Ofttimes as he related to us his hope and the experiences that supported it, he would tell of being in the presence of his relatives and friends as they discussed the beautiful celestial blessings, and it would mean so very much to him as a lad. He was a blessed minister of both the Old and New Testaments, and was well versed in them and had a good conception of the sacred promises contained therein for the children of God.

Brother Norman was a good pastor and he, like Peter, followed the orders of God to "feed His sheep" and "His lambs". He offered to and was received by Upper Town Creek Church (Wilson County, N. C.) the third weekend in June, 1942, and was licensed to preach wherever he felt to be called the third Saturday in September, 1942. On the third Sunday in March, 1950, a presbytery was formed by the church consisting of Elders J. C. Smith, C. L. Robbins and Johnnie Joyner. After examination of his gift by the presbytery, he was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry.

Elder Bunn was granted a letter by Upper Town Creek Church on the third Saturday in October, 1955, and was received into Pleasant Hill Church (Edgecombe County, N. C.) on the fourth Saturday in October 1955. He was chosen pastor of Pleasant Hill Church January 25, 1953, serving them until his passing. He was also serving the Richmond and Norfolk, Virginia churches at the same time of his passing. He also served for a time, Healthy Plains Church (Wilson County, N. C.)

He was gifted in expounding the scriptures of both the Old and New Testaments, but his greatest delight was to preach his rich experiences of Grace, the doctrine of peace, and the sweet promises of God to his brethren. The churches he served, the Contentnea Association, and the brethren from the corresponding associations and churches all loved him and have sustained a great loss at his passing. He will be greatly missed by them as well as the many friends that also loved him as he preached in North Carolina and Virginia. He was always willing to show moderation and this wonderful attribute gained many precious friends both in and out of the church. His love for the children of the church and all children was so vividly displayed by him that they all adored him and were much concerned at his passing. His love for his fellow ministers was very evident as he showed delight when they could visit him. He was ready to serve for them and with them whenever he could. Surely God's sheep have lost a pastor, a servant has fallen in Israel, but I would not leave you comfortless. We are taught in the scripture that, "He that beginneth a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ", and certainly we all observed over and over the work of the Saviour performed in Elder Bunn.

Now that his earthly existence is over and he, like Joshua has declared we must, has gone the way of all the earth, the question arises, what now? Is this all? What can we hope for now? These and other questions unanswered would indeed leave us perplexed, vexed, and horrified. Then we are so happy that we believe in the doctrine that advocates with certainty the resurrection of the dead. Our brother is dead, not as some say, just asleep, but dead and we can hope to see him in this world no more forever, but our hope is not dead, and we turn hopefully to the inspired word for evidence to support our hope that one day we shall see our brother again.

By faith we hear Isaiah as he writes about the resurrection and hereafter for the Lord's people. 25:8. "He will swallow up death in victory, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces". 26:19. "Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise." David in the beautiful Psalms writes: 16:9. "Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope." 17:15. "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness." Ezekiel 37:13. "And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, oh my people, and brought you up out of your graves."

Yes, He will change our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body and present His people blameless before His Father's face in love.

These and other scriptures too numerous to quote here give us definite evidence of the resurrection. This gives wonderful comfort to those who "looks for Him to return" and "love His appearing".

Elder Bunn's life in the gospel ministry gave evidence of his belief and hope in the promises written here, hence I have no fear for him, but believe with all my heart that he will come forth in the likeness of God on that great day and spend a never ending eternity in the Lord's heaven basking in the sunlight of God's eternal love, and there he will render a more perfect praise to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost in the splendid courts of glory forever and ever.

His funeral was conducted May 28, 1972, in the Gay-Yost Funeral Home in Rocky Mount, N. C. by a beloved son in the ministry, Elder Henry C. Jones and by the writer of this epic. His body was interred in Pineview Cemetery in Rocky Mount, N. C. to await the coming of the Lord to open his grave and take him to his celestial home.

The following poem is so beautifully typical of his love for children the writer used it in his funeral and we include it in this effort.

"I think of times as the night draws nigh,
Of an old house on the hill,
Of a yard all wide, and blossom starred,
Where the children, played at will.

"And when the night at last came down,
Rushing the merry din,
Norman would look around, and ask,
'Are all the children in?'

"Tis many and many years since then,
and the old house on the hill,
No longer echoes to childish feet,
And the yard is still, so still,

"But I see it all as the shadows creep,
And though many the years have been,
Since then, I can still hear Norman ask,
'Are all the children in?'

"I wonder if, when the shadows fall,
On the last short earthly day,
When we say goodbye to the world outside,
All tired with our childish play,

"When we meet the Lover of boys and girls,
Who died to save them from sin,
Will we hear Him ask, as Norman did
'Are all the children in'?"

This epic has been written by one who loved him.
Elder A. P. Mewborn

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:
Elder Oliver Allen opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder J. T. Prescott, Second Timothy 1:8.
Elder Oliver Allen, "My sheep hear my voice and a stranger they will not follow."
FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder W. D. Godwin, Praises to God.
Elder J. R. Hollingsworth, Praises to God.
SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder Henry Jones, opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder Rufus Brown, The Lord told Peter to feed my sheep.
Elder David Spangler, II Samuel 23 chapter verse 4.
Brother Willard Cox, Conquer and conquered.
Elder S. R. Boykin, Cor. 1-2:9.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder W. W. Stallings, Isaiah 40:11.
Elder Bob Lyliston, Praises to God.
Elder Sam Jones, Mark 2:15.
Elder J. J. Rhue, St. John 14.
Elder W. T. Brown, Praises to God.
SUNDAY MORNING:
Elder A. P. Mewborn opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder Hale Terry, Deu. 7.
Elder W. W. Taylor, Matthew 14:30.
SUNDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder Bill Everett, Praises to God.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Matthew 1.
Elder Kenneth Key, One God, one faith, one baptism.
Elder I. S. Conner, Isaish "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people."
Elder A. P. Mewborn dismissed with praises, hymn and prayer.

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Hadnot Creek—Elders J. T. Prescott, J. J. Rhue, Pastors; Vilma Rhue, Clerk
Hancock's—Elder Joseph Sawyer, Pastor; Nina B. McLawhorn, Clerk
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Pleasant Hill—No Pastor; J. C. Williams, Clerk
Red Banks—Elder A. L. McKinney, Pastor; Lillian Sutton, Clerk
Shiloh—Elder S. R. Boykin, Pastor; Viola Lewis, Clerk
Stump Sound—No Pastor; Gertrude Sanders, Clerk
Tyson's—Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; J. B. Tyson, Clerk
Upper Town Creek—Elder M. E. Garner, Pastor; W. F. Owens, Clerk

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH MEETING

Autrey's Creek—First Sunday in March, June, September, December
Blounts Creek—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Bethel—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Cypress Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Damascus—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Shiloh—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November
Hancock's—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
Lower Town Creek—Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Meadow—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December
Moore's—Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December
Pleasant Hill—Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November
Red Banks—Second Sunday in March, June, September, December
Tyson's—Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Upper Town Creek—Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
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Beth-el—C. M. Willis, Gransboro, N. C.	12
Blount's Creek — Mumford Warren, Blount's Creek, N.C.	10
Cypress Creek — Velma H. Horne, R.F.D., Richlands, N.C.	36
Damascus — Lane Roberts, Farmville, N.C.	18
Hadnot Creek — Vilma G. Rhue, Swansboro, N.C.	20
Hancock's — Nina B. McLawhorn, Rt. 1, Box 35, Ayden, N.C.	50
Lower Town Creek — W. W. Stallings, Jr., Route 4, Tarboro, N.C.	35
Meadow — F. C. Trevathan, Farmville, N.C.	20
Moore's — W. F. Owens, Elm City, N.C.	20
New Bay — C. R. Allen, Rt. 1, Box 504 Sneads Ferry, N.C.	20
North East — Lewis Sammons, Rt. 1, Box 302, Maysville, N.C.	30
North River — Vernon Gillikin, Beaufort, N.C.	10
Pleasant Hill — J.C. Williams, 1912 Windsor Dr., Rocky Mt., N.C.	50
Red Bank's — Lillian Sutton, Rt. 9, Highland Pk., Greenville, N.C.	20
Shiloh — Viola Lewis, Lowlands, N.C.	25
Stump Sound — Gertrude Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 258, Holly Ridge, N.C.	10
Tyson's — J. B. Tyson, Farmville, N.C.	8
Upper Town Creek — W. F. Owens, Elm City, N.C.	60

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Black Creek — Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N.C.	20
Kehukee — Johnny Ray Gardner, Rt. 2, Williamston, N.C.	40
Pigg River — Elder John D. Wood, Box 186, Manassas, Va.	25
Seven Miles — James G. Young, Rt. 2, Dunn, N.C. 28334	10
Smith River — Elder Amos Hash, Rt. 2, Ferrum, Va.	15
Stauton River — B. B. Williams, Blairs, Va.	15
Upper Country Line — Elder D. E. Smith, Rt. 7, Burlington, N.C.	20

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convined of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association but not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily,

such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deppsited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. to give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. To appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

9. No members of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Bapt.	Rec'd by Ltr.	Reast'd to Fel.	Dis. by Ltr.	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Members	Contribution	Association Last Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, H. F. Owens, J. R. Highsmith	2	0	0	0	0	2	44	20.00	1961
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	George Gerrard, Monford Warren	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10.00	1944
Beth-el	Pamlico	Virgil Gaskill, C. M. Willis	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	18.00	1972
Cypress Creek	Duplin	C. M. Brown, Albert Manning, Ernest Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	30.00	
Damascus	Pitt	Fred Trevathan, W. C. Trevathan, Lane Roberts	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	10.00	1967
Hadnot Creek	Carteret	I. J. Prescott, J. T. Prescott, J. J. Rhue	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20.00	1970
Hancock's	Pitt	J. E. Lang, L. B. Hill, W. A. Robbins	0	0	0	2	0	2	26	32.00	1960
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	J. Edwards, R. Jackson, W. W. Stallings	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	28.30	1971
Meadow	Greene	Annie M. Proctor, Bro. & Sister R. M. Owens	0	1	0	0	1	1	11	10.00	1965
Moore's	Wilson	Gladys Varnell, Sallie Robbins, Clyde Trevathan	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7.00	1946
New Bay	Onslow	Sam Jones, S. V. Brown, C. R. Allen	7	0	0	1	0	1	31	20.00	1963
North East	Onslow	Ed. Morton, Jo. Morton, Willie Kellum	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	20.00	
North River	Carteret	Mary J. Gillikin, Mary E. Gillikin Vernon Gillikin	4	0	0	0	0	1	12	20.00	1962
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. C. Williams, Alvin Lancaster, Henry Jones	0	0	0	0	0	1	33	30.00	1969
Red Banks	Pitt	Elisha Thompson, Jane Hart, Lillian Sutton	0	0	0	1	0	0	13	20.00	1966
Sandy Grove	Beaufort	Dropped because of no members							0		
Shiloh	Pamlico	Carl Lewis, Flo. Lewis, Bettie Sadler	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	12.00	1968
Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders, Hannah Millis	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.00	
Tyson's	Pitt	J. B. Tyson & Wife, Ray Williams	0	2	0	0	0	0	5	10.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	Geo. Williford, W. F. Owens, R. L. Morgan	0	0	0	1	0	3	28	20.00	1964

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HELD WITH

North East Church

ONSLOW COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 12, 13, 14

1973

Next session convenes with the church at Cypress Creek Duplin County, N.C. to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1974.

OFFICERS

ELDER A. P. MEWBORN	Moderator
ELDER W. W. STALLINGS	Clerk
BROTHER J. CARROLL WILLIAMS	Assistant Clerk

Proceedings

OF THE 143 rd ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH NORTH EAST CHURCH ONSLOW CCUNTY, N.C. OCTOBER 12, 13, 14

Friday, October 12, 1973

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder J. J. Rhue, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Bob Lyliston followed by Elder J. D. Rhue. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder M. E. Garner.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, J. Carroll Williams.

2. The Officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.

3. Brethren Vernon Gillikin, Stedman Brown, George Williford were chosen a committee on finance.

4. Letters were received from the churches, and the contents and messengers names enrolled in statistical table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association. Muddy Creek petitioned for membership and were unanimously received, and extended right hand of fellowship by the moderator.

6. Called for correspondence:

Kehukee: Lee Gooch, Reeves Smith, Tom Williams
Black Creek: John L. Houston
Seven Miles: Elder W. D. Godwin and Wife, Elder Dewey Turner
Smith River: Not represented
Upper Country Line: Elder David Spangler and Wife, W. J. Lambeth

Visitors from other Associations:

South Quachita: Elder John Lee Smith and Wife, Sister Vinie Taylor, Sister Reita Carmack, Sister Evaline Hall
Salisbury: Frank Holland, Sister Ethel Holloway, E. F. Hastings and Wife
Delaware: Sister Beulah Stuart
Sulphur Fork: Elder W. W. Taylor
Pigg River: Elder Rufus Brown, Elder Julius Bocock, Jamie Cooper and Wife, Woodie Young and Wife
Covenant Baptist Church of Canada: Sister Edna Turner

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Cypress Creek, services to begin Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1974, at 11:00 A.M. Elder Harmon Brown was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. T. Prescott, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit Associations:

Kehukee: Elder Henry Jones, W. F. Owens, L. B. Hill
Black Creek: Elder W. W. Stallings, Ernest Jones, Elder J. T. Prescott
Seven Miles: Ernest Jones, Elder J. T. Prescott, Elder Henry Jones
Smith River: L. B. Hill, Elder Bob Lyliston, W. A. Robinson
Upper Country Line: Elder Bob Lyliston, Elder J. T. Prescott, Elder A. P. Mewborn

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

10. Moved and agreed Elder J. J. Rhue write obituary of Elder W. T. Brown and that a copy be recorded in Association Minutes, copy sent to Signs for publication, and a copy be sent to the family.

11. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on hand, savings 12-31-73		$205.56
Balance on hand, checking 12-31-73		97.20
Received from Churches	$350.10	
Received from Friends	206.80	
Total	**$556.90**	
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Printing of Minutes	$120.00	
Clerk's Compensation	50.00	
Assistant Clerk	15.00	
Moderator	25.00	
North East Church	30.00	
Supplies, typing and postage	20.00	
Gave visiting Elders	269.00	
Deposited checking	27.90	
Total	**$556.90**	

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the Association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.

2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meeting of each church.

3. Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she actually choose him as such.

4. Resolved that our Clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $50.00 for his services. Agree to give the Moderator $25.00, and Assistant Clerk $15.00.

5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerk be recorded in our Association Minutes.

6. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with benediction.

A. P. Mewborn, Moderator
W. W. Stallings, Clerk
J. Carroll Williams, Ass't. Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:
Elder J. J. Rhue opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder R. H. Lyliston, Psalm 17.
Elder J. J. Rhue, Isaiah 14:21, Isaiah 55:8.
FRIDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder W. D. Godwin, Rev. 1-18.
Elder J. L. Bacock, "The Rock".
Elder I. S. Conner, Praise to God.
Elder Rufus Brown, 1st. and 2nd Peter.
SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder W. W. Stallings opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder W. E. Turner, Timothy 3:15 & 16.
Elder C. D. Turner, Cor. 15:9 & 10.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder S. R. Boykin, Matthew: "Come all ye that labor".
Elder William Holland, Heb. 13:20.

SUNDAY MORNING:
Elder J. T. Prescott opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder Amos Hash, Timothy.
Elder W. W. Taylor, Isaiah 28:15-16-24.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder John Lee Smith, Ephesians 5:22-26, Rev. 1:4-5.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Psalms.
J. Carroll Williams, Remarks.
Elder W. W. Stallings, Remarks. Elder Bob Lyliston, Remarks.
Elder A. P. Mewborn, dismissed with praises, hymn and prayer.

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Seven Miles—James G. Young, Rt. 2, Dunn, N.C. 28334	10
Smith River—Elder Amos Hash, Rt. 2, Ferrum, Va.	15
Stauton River—B. B. Williams, Blairs, Va.	15
Upper Country Line—Elder D. E. Smith, Rt. 7, Burlington, N.C.	20

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association but not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we should have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty;

4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Associaton; 6. To appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

9. No members of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	REC'D BY BAPT.	REC'D BY LTR.	REAST'D TO FEL	DIS. BY LTR.	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOT. MEMBERS	CONTRIBUTION	ASSOCITION LAST HELD
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	Z. R. Gay, H. F. Owens, J. R. Highsmith	0	0	0	0	0	3	41	20.00	1961
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	By letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	6.00	1944
Beth-el	Pamlico	Virgil Gaskil, C. M. Willis	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	15.00	1972
Cypress Creek	Duplin	Ernest Jones, Norman Horne, Perry Horne	6	1	0	0	0	0	43	25.00	
Damascus	Pitt	Fred Travathan, Lane Roberts Alt.	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	10.00	1967
Hadnot Creek	Carteret	Johnson Prescott, Bob Lyliston, J. J. Rhue	1	0	0	0	0	1	8	20.00	1970
Hancock's	Pitt	Jesse Lang, Joseph Sawyer, L. B. Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	28.00	1960
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	Rufus Jackson, Jasper Edwards, W. W. Stallings	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	28.10	1971
Meadow	Greene	Annie Mae Proctor, Thelma Rose, Nancy Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	15.00	1965
Moore's	Wilson	Gladys Varnell, Florence Bridgers	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7.00	1946
Muddy Creek		Norman Brown, Jimmy D. Brown, Clarence Sloap	5	1	0	0	0	0	34	10.00	
New Bay	Onslow	D. B. Stokes, Stedman Brown, Norman Jenkins	4	0	0	2	0	1	33	20.00	1963
North East	Onslow	E. D. Morton, W. L. Kellum, L. J. Sammons	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	20.00	1973
North River	Carteret	Mary E. Gillikin, Janice Gillikin, Vern. Gillikin	1	0	0	0	1	0	12	20.00	1962
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	Carroll Williams, Alvin Lancaster, Henry Jones	0	0	0	0	0	2	31	30.00	1969
Red Banks	Pitt	Durwood Hart & Wife, Lillian Sutton	3	0	0	0	0	1	15	20.00	1966
Shiloh	Pamlico	Ciddy Potter, Viola Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	16.00	1968
Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10.00	
Tyson's	Pitt	Ray Williams, Peggy Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	W. F. Owens, Sam Williams, George Williford	0	0	0	0	0	2	26	20.00	1964

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HELD WITH

Cypress Creek Church

DUPLIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 11, 12, 13

1974

Next session convenes with the church at Muddy Creek, Duplin County, North Carolina, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1975.

OFFICERS

Elder A. P. Mewborn .... Moderator
Elder W. W. Stallings .... Clerk
Brother J. Carroll Williams .... Assistant Clerk

Proceedings

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Friday, October 11, 1974

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder D. B. Stokes, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Harmon Brown followed by Elder J. T. Prescott. After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. E. Turner.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, J. Carroll Williams.

2. The Officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.

3. Brethren Vernon Gillikin, Steadman Brown, George Williford were chosen a committee on finance.

4. Letters were received from the churches and the contents and messengers names enrolled in statistical table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

6. Called for correspondence:

Kehukee: Reaves Smith
Black Creek: John L. Houston
Seven Miles: Elder W. D. Godwin, Elder C. E. Turner
Upper Country Line: Brother and Sister Joe Mangum

Visitors from other Associations:

Salisbury Association: Brother and Sister Lawrence Holloway, Brother Elmer Hastings.

Pigg River Association: Elder Rufus Brown, Brother Claude Johnson and wife.

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Muddy Creek, services to begin Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1975, at 11:00 A.M. Elder D. B. Stokes was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder A. P. Mewborn, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit Associations:

Kehukee: Durwood Hart, Elder A. P. Mewborn
Black Creek: Elder D. B. Stokes, Elder W. W. Stallings, Stedman Brown
Seven Miles: Elder A. P. Mewborn, Elder D. B. Stokes, Ernest Jones
Smith River: L. B. Hill, W. A. Roberson
Upper Countty Line: Johnson Prescott, W. F. Owens, Richard Abrams

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30

10. Moved and agreed clerk be given liberty to spend monies of the Association according to his own discretion and when further monev is needed, he write the churches composing this Association asking for additional help.

11. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on hand, savings 12-31-74	$217.82
Balance on checking 12-31-74	20.23
Received from Churches	$389.00
Received from Friends	307.39
Total	$696.39

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing of Minutes	$265.00
Clerk's Compensation	60.00
Assistant Clerk	25.00
Moderator	35.00
Cypress Creek Church	30.00
Supplies, typing and postage	45.00
Gave visiting Elders	196.00
Boy Scouts	25.00
Deposited checking	15.39
Total	$696.39

The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the Association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.

2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meeting of each church.

3. Resolved that the Association recommened to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such, and that if she has none, she actually choose him as such.

4. Resolved that our Clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $60.00 for his services. Agreed to give the Moderator $35.00, and Assistant Clerk $25.00.

5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerk be recorded in our Association minutes.

6. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with benediction.

A. P. Mewborn, Moderator
W. W. Stallings, Clerk
J. Carroll Williams, Ass't Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder D. B. Stokes open services with hymn and prayer.
Elder Harmon Brown, Corinthians.
Elder J. T. Prescott, "When brethren can dwell together in unity."

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder W. E. Turner, St. John 18:36-38.
Elder W. D. Godwin, Matthew 5th Chapter.
Elder S. R. Boykin, "No man can come unto me except the Father draw him."

SATURDAY MORNING:

Elder W. W. Stallings opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder Rufus Brown, Grace, Eph. 1:1.

Elder Curtis Rains, St. Luke 10:21-22.
Elder E. C. Harrison, Psalms 23.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder C. D. Turner, Ephesians 1:19-23.
Elder M. E. Garner, Matthew 3:18.

SUNDAY MORNING:
Elder Bob Lyliston, opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder Hale Terry, Ezk. Chapter 16.
Elder Bill Everette, Peter 2nd. Chapter.
Elder W. B. Barnes, Matthew 25:31-46.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder A. P. Mewborn, "Flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom,"
"Jesus said, I was ever with the Father."
Elder Kenneth Windham, Matthew 25:42.
Elder Sam Jones, Matthew 24:1-9.
Elder Bob Lyliston, Matthew 28:1-6.
Elder A. P. Mewborn, Remarks.
Elder J. T. Prescott, Dismissed with prayer.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND ADDRESSES

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Oliver V. Allen, Box 203, Verona, N.C. 28541. Phone (919) 346-4635
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Blount's Creek—Mumford Warren, Blounts Creek, N.C. 27814
Cypress Creek—Velma H. Horne, R.F.D., Richlands, N.C. 28574 Phone 324-4294
Damascus—Land Roberts, Walnut Street, Farmville, N.C. 27828. Phone (919) 753-3986
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Shiloh	Pamlico	Ciddy Potter, Viola Lewis	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	10.00	1968
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Tyson's	Pitt	Ray Williams, J.B. Tyson	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.00	1952
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After opening hymn and prayer by Elder A. P. Mewborn, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder D. B. Stokes followed by Elder A. P. Mewborn.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder W. W. Taylor.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, J. Carroll Williams.

2. The Officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.

3. Brethren Vernon Gillikin, Stedman Brown, George Williford were chosen a committee on finance.

4. Letters were received from the churches and the contents and messengers names enrolled in statistical table.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.

6. Called for Correspondence:
Kehukee: Reaves Smith, Lee Gooch
Seven Miles: Elder C. D. Turner and wife, Elder W. D. Godwin.

Visitors from other Associations:

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Upper Country Line: Not represented

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South Quachita Association: Elder W. W. Taylor.
Salisbury Association: Elmer Hastings, Lawrence Hollaway, Clarence Huston, Elbert Robbins.

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Stump Sound, services to begin Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1976, at 11:00 A.M. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder A. P. Mewborn, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit Associations:
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9. Moved and agreed that Clerk and Assistant Clerk be given liberty to condense minutes in any way necessary to get material in more limited space. Pertinent information to be retained.

10. Agreed that services commence on Saturday at 10:30 A.M.

11. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on hand savings 12-31-75		$233.16
Received from Churches		422.50
Received from Friends		218.75
	Total	$641.25
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Moderator		$ 35.00
Clerk		60.00
Assistant Clerk		25.00
Printing Minutes and postage		265.00
Supplies and typing		20.00
Boy Scouts		25.00
Muddy Creek Church		30.00
Gave visiting Elders		161.00
		$621.00
Checking Account		20.25
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The report was received and the Committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messanger from any church in the Association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.

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3. Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such.

4. Resolved that our Clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations, record one on the Association record, and that he be allowed $60.00 for his services. Agreed to give the Moderator $35.00 and Assistant Clerk $25.00.

5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerks be recorded in our Association minutes.

6. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with benediction.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

FRIDAY MORNING:

Elder A. P. Mewborn opened services with hymn and prayer.
Elder D. B. Stokes, Psalms 18:16.
Elder A. P. Mewborn, Jude 3.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON:

Elder W. W. Taylor opened conference.
Elder W. D. Godwin, David anointed King.

SATURDAY MORNING:
Elder W. W. Stallings opened with hymn and prayer.
Elder Rufus Brown, Peter 1:1
Elder C. D. Turner, St. Luke 12:27
SATURDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder J. T. Prescott, Seek yea first the Kingdom of God.
Elder J. J. Rhue, St. John 18. "My sheep hear my voice."
Elder W. W. Stallings, Timothy II 2:19. "Foundation of God standeth sure."
Elder Sam Jones, Genesis 3.
SUNDAY MORNING:
Elder Bob Lyliston opened services with hymn and prayer.
Elder W. W. Taylor, Matthew 16: 7-19.
Elder Lane Carter, Rev. 3:1, Eph. II 2.
Elder Hale Terry, Rev. 5.
SUNDAY AFTERNOON:
Elder D. V. Spangler, Second Corinthians 3: 9-end of chapter.

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Bethel — C.M. Willis, Grantsboro, N.C. 28529	12
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Damascus — Lane Roberts, Walnut Street, Farmville, N. C. 27828. Phone 753-3986	18
Hadnot Creek — Vilma Rhue, Route 1, Box 415-E, Swansboro, N. C. 28584. Phone 326-4926	20
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Hancock's	Pitt	Jesse Lang, L. B. Hill, Berline Cox	1	0	0	0	0	1	26	30.00	1960
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	Rufus Jackson, Jasper Edwards, W. W. Stallings	1	0	0	0	0	0	18	24.50	1971
Meadow	Greene	Nancy Mewborn, A. P. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	25.00	1965
Moore's	Wilson	Gladys Varnell, Florence Bridgers, Sally Robbins	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7.00	1946
Muddy Creek	Duplin	Norman Brown, O. D. Fountain	0	0	0	0	0	3	26	27.00	1975
New Bay	Onslow	D. B. Stokes, Sam Jones, Stedman Brown	3	0	0	0	0	0	37	25.00	1963
North East	Onslow	Joe Morton, E. D. Morton, Lewis Sammons	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	20.00	1973
North River	Carteret	Jonice Gillikin, Mary Gillikin, Vernon Gillikin	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	18.00	1962
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	Alvin Lancaster, J. C. Williams, Henry Jones	1	0	0	0	0	2	30	60.00	1969
Red Banks	Pitt	Durwood G. Hart	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	19.00	1966
Shiloh	Pamlico	Sidie Potter, Gentry Williams	0	0	0	0	0	2	13	20.00	1968
Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10.00	
Tyson's	Pitt	Roy Williams, Peggy Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	George Williford, W. F. Owens, Jesse Viverette	0	0	0	0	1	1	23	30.00	1964

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Minutes

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ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIXTH
ANNUAL SESSION
of the

Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Stump Sound Church

ONSLOW COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 8, 9, 10
1976

Next session convenes with the church at Hancocks, Pitt County, North Carolina, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1977.

OFFICERS

Elder A. P. Mewborn	Moderator
Elder W. W. Stallings	Clerk
Brother J. Carroll Williams	Assistant Clerk

Proceedings

OF THE 146TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH STUMP SOUND CHURCH
ONSLOW COUNTY, OCTOBER 8, 9, 10
1976

Friday, October 8, 1976

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder A. P. Mewborn, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. W. Stallings, followed by Elder A. P. Mewborn.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder Roy Agee.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, J. Carroll Williams.
2. The Officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.
3. Brethren Vernon Gillikin, Stedman Brown and George Williford were chosen a committee on finance.
4. Letters were received from the churches and the contents and messengers names enrolled in the statistical table.
5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.
6. Called for Correspondence:

Kehukee: Reaves Smith, Lee Gooch
Black Creek: John L. Houston and Wife
Seven Miles: Elder C. D. Turner and wife, Elder W. D. Godwin
Smith River: Elder Roy Agee and Wife, Leonard Nichols
Upper Country Line: Not represented

Visitors from other Associations:

Salisbury Association: Clarence Huston and wife, Laurence Holloway and wife, Sister Maud Truitt
South Ouachita Association: Elder W. W. Taylor

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Hancocks, services to begin Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1977 at 11:00 A.M. Elder Joe Sawyer was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder A. P. Mewborn, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit Associations:

Kehukee: Durward Hart, J. Carroll Williams, Elder J. T. Prescott
Black Creek: Elder W. W. Stallings, Elder J. T. Prescott, Fred Trevathan
Seven Miles: Elder J. T. Prescott, L. B. Hill, Elder Oliver Allen
Smith River: L. B. Hill, W. A. Roberson, Elder J. T. Prescott
Upper Country Line: L. B. Hill, W. A. Roberson, Elder J. T. Prescott

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday at 10:30 A.M.

10. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on hand savings 12-31-76		$245.07
Received from Churches		503.00
Received from Friends		249.85
	Total	$752.85
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Moderator		$ 40.00
Clerk		70.00
Assistant Clerk		35.00
Printing Minutes and postage		265.00
Supplies		10.00
Boy Scouts		30.00
Stump Sound Church		40.00
Gave Visiting Elders		226.00
		$746.00
Checking Account		6.85
	Total	$752.85

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the Association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.

2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

3. Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such.

4. Resolved that our Clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations, record one on the association record, and that he be allowed $70.00 for his services. Agreed to give the Moderator $40.00 and Assistant Clerk $35.00.

5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerks be recorded in our Association minutes.

6. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with benediction.

A. P. Mewborn, Moderator
W. W. Stallings, Clerk
J. Carroll Williams, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder A. P. Mewborn opened services with hymn and prayer.
Elder W. W. Stallings, St. John 1:23
Elder A. P. Mewborn, Ephesians 2:1-4

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Roy Agee, Opened conference
Elder W. D. Godwin, I Peter 1:18

Saturday Morning:
Elder Sam Jones opened with hymn and prayer
Elder C. D. Turner, II Corinthians 10:3
Elder Bob Lyliston, I Samuel 17:8
Elder Curtis Rains, Isaiah 42.

Saturday Afternoon:
Elder Roy Agee, Acts 36.
Elder M. E. Garner, St. Mark 27:45

Sunday Morning:
Elder A. P. Mewborn opened services with hymn and prayer.
Elder Lane Carter, Psalms 133.
Elder W. W. Taylor, Titus 2:1

Sunday Afternoon:
Elder W. B. Barnes, St. Luke 23:30-53, Rev. 1:1
Elder A. P. Mewborn closed with hymn and prayer

ORDAINED MINISTERS, ADDRESSES AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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D. B. Stokes, 1029 Daniel Drive, Jacksonville, N. C. 28540. Phone (919) 455-1385
S. P. Jones, Route 2, Wallace, N. C. 28466. Phone (919) 285-4529
Oliver V. Allen, Box 203, Verona, N. C. 28541. Phone (919) 346-4635
J. L. Sawyer, 1406 Eden Place, Greenville, N. C. 27834. Phone (919) 752-5973
J. J. Rhue, Rt. 1, Box 415-E, Swansboro, N. C. 28584. Phone (919) 326-4926
J. T. Prescott, Route 2, Box 127, Swansboro, N. C. 28584. Phone (919) 326-4759
Henry C. Jones, 628 Marlboro Road, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801. Phone (919) 446-7370
Harmon Brown, Route 1, Richlands, N. C. 28574. Phone (919) 324-3793
Kenneth Windham, 1906 University Drive, Durham, N. C. 27707. Phone (919) 489-1736
W. W. Stallings, Route 4, Box 195, Tarboro, N. C. 27886. Phone (919) 827-4891

CLERKS, ADDRESSES, PHONE NO'S. AND DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES

Autrey's Creek — J. B. Coker, Route 1, Fountain, N. C. 27829. Phone (919) 827-4816	45
Bethel — C. M. Willis, Grantsboro, N. C. 28529	8
Blounts Creek — Mumford Warren, Blounts Creek, N. C. 27814	8
Cypress Creek — Velma H. Horne, R.F.D., Richlands, N. C. 28574. Phone (919) 324-4294	50
Damascus — Lane Roberts, Walnut Street, Farmville, N. C. 27828. Phone (919) 753-3986	10
Hadnot Creek — Vilma G. Rhue, Route 1, Box 415-E, Swansboro, N. C. 28584. Phone (919) 326-4926	15
Hancocks — Nina B. McLawhorn, Rt. 3, Box 108, Ayden, N. C. 28513. Phone (919) 746-6220	35
Lower Town Creek — W. W. Stallings, Rt. 4, Box 195, Tarboro, N. C. 27886. Phone (919) 827-4891	25
Meadow — R. M. Owens, Pinetops, N. C. 27864	20
Moore's — W. F. Owens, Rt. 3, Box 303, Elm City, N. C. 27822. Phone (919) 236-4466	15

New Bay — Norman Jenkins, Rt. 2, Wallace, N. C. 28466. Phone (919) 285-4319	45
North East — Lewis J. Sammons, Rt. 1, Box 945, Maysville, N. C. 28555. Phone (919) 455-3728	30
North River — Vernon Gillikin, Route 2, Box 364, Beaufort, N. C. 28516. Phone (919) 728-4352	15
Pleasant Hill — J. Carroll Williams, 1912 Windsor Dr., Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801 Phone (919) 442-8886	45
Red Banks — Jane M. Hart, Rt. 3, Box 135-A, Greenville, N. C. 27834 Phone (919) 752-6455	20
Shiloh — Viola Lewis, Lowland, N. C. 28552	20
Stump Sound — Gertrude Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 258, Holly Ridge, N. C. 28445. Phone (919) 329-4607	10
Tyson's — J. B. Tyson, Rt. 2, Box 173, Farmville, N. C. 27828. Phone (919) 753-3338	8
Upper Town Creek — W. F. Owens, Rt. 3, Box 303, Elm City, N. C. 27822. Phone (919) 236-4466	35
Muddy Creek — Stewart Brown, Route 1, Chinquapin, N. C. 28521	35

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES TO ASSOCIATIONS

Black Creek — Elder W. E. Turner, 403 Monticello Dr., Wilson, N. C. 27893	20
Kehukee — Elder Marvin E. Garner, 1614 E. Greenville Blvd., Greenville, N. C. 27834	40
Pigg River — Elder John D. Wood, Box 186, Manassas, Va. 22110	25
Seven Miles — James G. Young, Rt. 2, Dunn, N. C. 28334	10
Smith River — Elder Amos Hash, Rt. 2, Ferrum, Va. 24088	15
Staunton River — B. B. Williams, Blairs, Va. 24527	15
Upper Country Line — Elder D. E. Smith, Rt. 7, Burlington, N. C. 27215	20

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Autrey's Creek — Elder J. L. Sawyer, Pastor; J. B. Coker, Clerk
Bethel — S. P. Jones, Pastor; C. M. Willis, Clerk
Blount's Creek — Elder R. H. Lyliston, Pastor; Mumford Warren, Clerk
Cypress Creek — Elder Harmon Brown, Pastor; Velma H. Horne, Clerk
Damascus — Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; L. D. Roberts, Clerk
Hadnot Creek — Elder J. J. Rhue, Pastor; Vilma G. Rhue, Clerk
Hancocks — Elder Joseph Sawyer, Pastor; Nina B. McLawhorn, Clerk
Lower Town Creek — Elder Henry Jones, Pastor; Elder W. W. Stallings, Clerk
Meadow — Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; R. M. Owens, Clerk
Moore's — Elder Kenneth Windham, Pastor; W. F. Owens, Clerk protem
Muddy Creek — No Pastor; Stewart D. Brown, Clerk
New Bay — Elders O. V. Allen, D. B. Stokes, S. P. Jones, Pastors; Norman Jenkins, Clerk
North East — Elder J. T. Prescott, Pastor; Lewis Sammons, Clerk
North River — Elder S. P. Jones, Pastor; Vernon Gillikin, Clerk
Pleasant Hill — Elder Henry Jones, Pastor; J. Carroll Williams, Clerk
Red Banks — Elder A. L. McKinney, Pastor; Jane M. Hart, Clerk
Shiloh — Elder Oliver Allen, Pastor; Viola Lewis, Clerk
Stump Sound — Elder W. W. Stallings, Pastor; Gertrude Sanders, Clerk
Tysons — Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; J. B. Tyson, Clerk
Upper Town Creek — Elder M. E. Garner, Pastor; W. F. Owens, Clerk

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Autrey's Creek — First Sunday in March, June, September, December
Blounts Creek — First Sunday in March, June, September, December
Bethel — Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Cypress Creek — Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Damacus — Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Shiloh — Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November
Hancocks — Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
Lower Town Creek — Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Meadow — Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December
Moores — Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December
Pleasant Hill — Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November
Red Banks — Second Sunday in March, June, September, December
Tysons — Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Upper Town Creek — Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
New Bay — First Sunday in February, May, August, November
North East — Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
North River — Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Hadnot Creek — Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Stump Sound — Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December
Muddy Creek — Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November

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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association but not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we shall have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. To appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does followship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

9. No members of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	Names Of Church Messengers	Rec'd By Bapt.	Rec'd By Ltr.	Restored To Fel.	Dis. By Ltr.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution	Association Last Held
Autrey's Creek	Edgecombe	H. F. Owens, J. R. Highsmith, Richard Abrams	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	25.00	1961
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12.00	1944
Bethel	Pamlico	Virgil Gaskill, C. M. Willis	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10.00	1972
Cypress Creek	Duplin	Ervin Futrell, Albert Manning, Ernest Jones	3	0	1	0	1	2	47	25.00	1974
Damacus	Pitt	Fred Trevathan, Lane Roberts	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.00	1967
Hadnot Creek	Carteret	Henry Rhodes, Johnson Prescott, Elder J. T. Prescott	0	0	0	1	0	0	8	50.00	1970
Hancock's	Pitt	Jesse Lang, Vernon Carawan, L. B. Hill	0	0	0	0	0	2	24	30.00	1960
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	Rufus Jackson, Jasper Edwards, W. W. Stallings	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	36.00	1971
Meadow	Greene	Thelma Rose, Nancy Mewborn, A. P. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	25.00	1965
Moore's	Wilson	Sallie Robbins, Florence Bridgers	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.00	1946
Muddy Creek	Duplin	Oliver Fountain, Bessie Sloan, Arlene Williams	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	25.00	1975
New Bay	Onslow	D. B. Stokes, Stedman Brown, Norman Jenkins	4	1	0	0	0	0	42	35.00	1963
North East	Onslow	Joe Morton, Ed. Morton, Lewis Sammons	2	0	0	0	0	2	23	32.00	1973
North River	Carteret	Leslie Gillikin, Vernon Gillikin, Mary Gillikin	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	24.00	1962
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	Alvin Lancaster, J. Carroll Williams, Mae Lancaster	0	0	0	0	0	4	27	60.00	1969
Red Banks	Pitt	Durward Hart, Eva Mills	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	19.00	1966
Shiloh	Pamlico	Sidie Potter, Jesse Foreman, Viloa Lewis	3	0	0	0	0	2	14	20.00	1968
Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	15.00	1976
Tyson's	Pitt	Roy Williams, Peggy Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.00	1952
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Hancocks Church

PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 7, 8, 9
1977

Next session convenenes with the church at Otters Creek, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1978.

OFFICERS

Elder A. P. Mewborn	Moderator
Elder W. W. Stallings	Clerk
Brother J. Carroll Williams	Assistant Clerk

Proceedings

OF THE 147TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH HANCOCKS CHURCH
PITT COUNTY, OCTOBER 7, 8, 9
1977

Friday, October 7, 1977

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder A. P. Mewborn, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Joe Sawyer, followed by Elder A. P. Mewborn.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder Lane Carter.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen Moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen Clerk, who called to his assistance, J. Carroll Williams.
2. The Officers of this Association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.
3. Brethren Vernon Gillikin, Stedman Brown and George Williford were chosen a committee on finance.
4. Letters were received from the churches and the contents and messengers names enrolled in the statistical table.
5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the Association.
6. Called for Correspondence:
   Kehukee: Gladys Edwards, Grace Grarner, Reeves Smith
   Black Creek: Not Represented
   Seven Miles: James Young
   Smith River: Elder Roy Agee and Wife, Harry Cannady
   Upper Country Line: Not represented

Visitors from other Associations:

Pigg River Association: Elder Lane Carter and wife, Woolard Potter and wife and Ralph Potter

Mount Enon Association: Fred Futch and wife

7. Appointed our next Association to be held with the church at Otters Creek, services to begin Friday before the Second Sunday in October, 1978 at 11:00 A.M. Elder Joe Sawyer was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. T. Prescott, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit Associations:
   Kehukee: Durward Hart, Stedman Brown, Elder W. W. Stallings
   Black Creek: Elder W. W. Stallings, Fred Trevathan, Stedman Brown
   Seven Miles: Ernest Jones, Stedman Brown, Elder Sam Jones
   Smith River: L. B. Hill, W. A. Roberson, Jesse Foreman
   Upper Country Line: Elder Henry Jones, L. B. Hill, J. Carroll Williams

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday at 10:30 A.M.

10. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on hand savings 12/30/77		$257.56
Balance in checking account 1977		171.00
Received from Churches	$497.00	
Received from Friends	209.25	
Total	$706.25	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator	$ 40.00
Clerk	70.00
Assistant Clerk	35.00
Printing Minutes and postage	200.00
Supplies	5.00
Hancocks Church	40.00
Gave Visiting Elders	315.00
Total Disbursements	$705.00
Transferred to Checking Account	1.25
Total	$ 706.25

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the Association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our Clerk at any time during the sitting of the Association, and the Clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.

2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.

3. Resolved that the Association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such.

4. Resolved that our Clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the Churches and Associations, record one on the association record, and that he be allowed $70.00 for his services. Agreed to give the Moderator $40.00 and Assistant Clerk $35.00.

5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerks be recorded in our Association minutes.

6. On motion conference adjourned to time and place appointed with benediction.

A. P. Mewborn, Moderator
W. W. Stallings, Clerk
J. Carroll Williams, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder A. P. Mewborn opened services with hymn and prayer
Elder Joe Sawyer, II Timothy 1:8
Elder A. P. Mewborn, John 3:5

Friday Afternoon:

Elder W. B. Barnes, St. John 7:1-8

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. W. Stallings opened with hymn and prayer
Elder Lane Carter, Acts 2:1-2 and 4:31
Elder Curtis Rains, Romans 16:16
Elder I. S. Conner, to them that believe

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Donald Smith, Acts 10: (Experience)
Elder M.E. Garner, Jonah

Sunday Morning:

Elder Henry Jones opened services with hymn and prayer
Elder Roy Agee, Acts 2:1
Elder W. E. Turner, St. Matthew 8:
Brother Joe Leggett, Praises to God

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder Leonard Key, Peter
Elder Harvey Holland, Christ the Way
Elder E. C. Harrison, 1st Corinthians
Elder Kenneth Key, Isaiah 40:1
Elder A. P. Mewborn closed with hymn and prayer

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Meadow — R. M. Owens, Pinetops, N. C. 27864	15
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New Bay — Norman Jenkins, Rt. 2, Wallace, N. C. 28466. Phone (919) 285-4319	45
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Stump Sound — Gertrude Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 258, Holly Ridge, N. C. 28445. Phone (919) 329-4607	8
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Pigg River — Elder John D. Wood, Box 186, Manassas, Va. 22110	25
Seven Miles — James G. Young, Rt. 2, Dunn, N. C. 28334	10
Smith River —Elder Amos Hash, Rt. 2, Ferrum, Va. 24088	15
Staunton River — B. B. Williams, Blairs, Va. 24527	15
Upper Country Line — Elder D. E. Smith, Rt. 7, Burlington, N. C. 27215	20

NAMES OF CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CLERKS

Bethel — S. P. Jones, Pastor; C. M. Willis, Clerk
Blount's Creek — No Pastor; Mumford Warren, Clerk
Cypress Creek — Elder Harmon Brown, Pastor; Velma H. Horne, Clerk
Damascus — Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; L. D. Roberts, Clerk
Hadnot Creek — Elder J. T. Prescott, Pastor: Vilma G. Rhue, Clerk
Hancocks — Elder Joseph Sawyer, Pastor; Nina B. McLawhorn, Clerk
Lower Town Creek — Elder Henry Jones, Pastor; Elder W. W. Stallings, Clerk
Meadow — Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; R. M. Owens, Clerk
Moores — Elder Kenneth Windham, Pastor; W. F. Owens, Clerk protem
Muddy Creek — Elder W. L. Everett, Pastor; Stewart D. Brown, Clerk
New Bay — Elders O. V. Allen, D. B. Stokes, S. P. Jones, Pastors; Norman Jenkins, Clerk
North East — Elder J. T. Prescott, Pastor; Lewis Sammons, Clerk
North River — Elder S. P. Jones, Pastor; Vernon Gillikin, Clerk
Otters Creek — Elder J. L. Sawyer, Pastor; J. B. Coker, Clerk
Pleasant Hill — Elder Henry Jones, Pastor; J. Carroll Williams, Clerk
Red Banks — Elder A. L. McKinney, Pastor; Jane M. Hart, Clerk
Shiloh — Elder Oliver Allen, Pastor; Viola Lewis, Clerk
Stump Sound — Elder W. W. Stallings, Pastor; Gertrude Sanders, Clerk
Tysons — Elder A. P. Mewborn, Pastor; J. B. Tyson, Clerk
Upper Town Creek — Elder M. E. Garner, Pastor; W. F. Owens, Clerk

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Bethel — Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Blounts Creek — First Sunday in March, June, September, December
Cypress Creek — Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Damacus — Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Hadnot Creek — Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Hancocks — Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
Lower Town Creek — Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Meadow — Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December
Moores — Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December
Muddy Creek — Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November
New Bay — First Sunday in March, June, September, December
North East — Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
North River — Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Otters Creek — First Sunday in March, June, September, December
Pleasant Hill — Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November
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Stump Sound — Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December
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Upper Town Creek — Third Sunday in February, May, August, November

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CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our Association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this Association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated, and dead since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.

4. The Association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular proper decorum.

5. The Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association and manifested by the Moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.

7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the Association but not to exceed three of its members.

8. Every query presented by any member of the Association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.

9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

10. The Association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the Minutes of the Association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the Association.

11. We think it absolutely necessary that we shall have an Association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this Association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this Association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the Association.

12. The Minutes of this Association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the Clerk in a book kept for the use of the Association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each Association.

13. The Minutes of this Association shall be read and corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.

15. The Association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches, 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this Association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any Association fund purpose strictly connected with this Association; 6. To appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The Association shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this Association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The Association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place, it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our Association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does followship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

2. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator when he is about to make his speech.

4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the Moderator till he is done speaking.

5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.

6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without liberty obtained from it.

7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the Association.

8. No member of the Association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.

9. No members of the Association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

10. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.

11. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association requires.

12. The Moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the Association be equally divided.

13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the Association as they may think proper.

MEMORIAL TO ELDER WILLIAM T. BROWN

In sadness we attempt to comply with request that we write a brief summary of, the life and labours of one that we loved, Elder William T. Brown. He was born in Onslow County, North Carolina, August 5, 1885 and called from this life at Onslow Memorial Hospital January 5, 1973. He was married to Lula Caroline Allen in the year 1904 and to this union were born two daughters, Sister Pearl Edna Sadlin, Verona, N. C., Mrs. Mollie Rebecca Batts, Greenville, N. C., one son, Carl Stuart Brown, Pollocksville, N. C.

The writer knew Elder Brown for many years. He together with his companion visited in the home of our parents long before he began preaching. Our information is that he received a hope in Christ and united with the Church at Old Sparta in the early thirties. He was ordained to the full work of the ministry several years later. He resided in Edgecombe County when he united with the church but later moved his membership by letter to the New Bay Church at Verona, N. C., after moving to Onslow County. New Bay Church soon called Elder Brown as pastor and he served this church until his departure from this life.

Elder Brown experienced many hardships during his sojurn here. His mother was taken when he was a small child. His early life was, as he put it, "a rough one." In later years while growing up and in his manhood he was a fisherman by trade and was forced to face many storms of the sea. On one occasion while with two others clamming in Bogue Sound, a bolt of lightning struck and killed one of his friends at his side. In telling his experience he would never fail to mention that he was made to know that had it not been for the grace and providence of God he would not have survived.

In conversation with his brother one would soon detect that he was typical of many of his vocation in years past in that he was plain spoken and strong in his convictions and was not easily swayed or turned from what he felt to be right. In this man when blessed by the spirit it was wonderful to observe the contrast between the natural and the spiritual when the Lord would come to him in power and you would see his countenance light up and then he was as bold as a lion and as meek as a lamb. we cannot think of a more fitting memorial than when we say, we believe he was called by divine grace and ordained to preach the gospel, and was a firm believer in the sovereignty and predestination of God in alll things.

One we all loved has been called from us but we cannot wish him back, but would say, sleep on brother and take your rest, we hope to meet you where associations never break up and Sabbath never ends.

His funeral was conducted by Elder D. B. Stokes and Elder J. T. Prescott at New Bay Church among his brethren and friends.

Written by Elder J. J. Rhue

(The foregoing memorial was scheduled for publication in the Minutes in 1973 but due to excessive expenses the association was forced to drop it from the printing. We are pleased to incorporate it in the Minutes at this time.)

MEMORIAL TO ELDER J. J. RHUE

Elder J. J. Rhue was born of Godly parents September 5, 1908. The son of Thomas David Rhue, a licensed minister of the Church, and Noma Prescott Rhue. He had four brothers and three sisters, one brother Elder Z. L. Rhue, a fellow yoke member of the ministry of the Most High God.

In his early life he knew the hardships and poverty associated with that era of time, and his life with his parents, brothers and sisters, was indeed, "a mixture of joys and sorrows".

He was given a hope in Jesus Christ and followed the church, seeking the relief that he had heard the older brethren describe so beautifully. On a September day in 1948 he gave in to a desire to join the church of the living God, and was baptized by Elder Z. L. Rhue and Elder Barraham into the fellowship of Hadnot Creek Church. His brethren, seeing in him a gift from the Master, set apart, and ordained him to the office of deacon. He served his church in this capacity, but again and again the brethren found him preaching Jesus. While he did not push forward with the gift that made him so afraid, and oftimes would try to hide it, the evidence was shown so vividly clear to the church, and in March, 1962 he was ordained to the full work of the Gospel ministry. He was blessed with a deep conception of both the Old and New Testaments and was gifted to expound them in a beautiful way, yet fully declaring the gospel of Jesus Christ and the tremendous power therein. He was a gifted and useful minister in the Contentnea Association and Union, and was well loved and often called by its churches to preach for and serve them. However, he was not limited to his home area, but traveled a great deal among her correspondence, and neighboring states. He went where ever he felt to be called, and was heard and loved by the brotherhood of God's humble poor whenever he went.

He served as pastor for the churches, Hadnot Creek, Sea Level, and Atlantic, who join the large number of friends, relatives, and brethren who mourn his passing. Prior to his death he suffered much pain in his sickness, but told me his greatest suffering was being kept from the meetings of the Church he loved so much, and loved to be with.

His beautiful family, a large host of brethren, together with his friends and neighbors gathered at Hadnot Creek Church, in February 1977, to hear Elder J. T. Prescott and Elder Sam Jones, two of his favorite ministers, conduct his funeral and he was laid in Gethsemane Cemetery too wait for that Great and Notable day of the Lord, when God himself has promised to open his grave and join him with the heavenly host who shall forever sing God's eternal praises, world without end.

He is survived by his precious wife, Sister Velma Garner Rhue, his daughters, Mrs. Hugh Burton, Mrs. Graydon Tripp, Mrs. William Cunningham; his sons, Reginald and Joe; his sisters, Mrs. C. C. Norris, Mrs. John Weeks, Mrs. W. P. Vinson; his brothers, Jesse R., Elder Z. L., W. R. and Roy T. Rhue, who together with those who love him by the Holy Spirit hope to meet him on the Mount of God, where we shall never fall again.

Prayerfully submitted, at the order of the Contentnea Association, while in conference, the Friday before the second Sunday, October, 1977.

(Elder) A. P. Mewborn

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	Names Of Church Messengers	Rec'd By Bapt.	Rec'd By Ltr.	Restored To Fel.	Dism. By Ltr.	Excluded	Deceased	Total Members	Contribution	Association Last Held
Bethel	Pamlico	C. M. Willis, Virgil Gaskill	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10.00	1972
Blount's Creek	Beaufort	By letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.00	1944
Cypress Creek	Duplin	Ernest Jones, Albert Manning, C. M. Brown	0	0	1	0	0	0	48	25.00	1974
Damacus	Pitt	Fred Trevathan, Lane Roberts	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	15.00	1967
Hadnot Creek	Carteret	Edna Cockrell, Johnson Prescott, Elder J. T. Prescott	0	1	0	0	0	1	8	50.00	1970
Hancocks	Pitt	Jesse E. Lang, L. B. Hill, W. A. Robinson	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	40.00	1977
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	Rufus Jackson, Jasper Edwards, Elder W.W. Stallings	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	30.00	1971
Meadow	Greene	Elder A.P. Mewborn, R.M. Owens, Lorraine Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	15.00	1965
Moores	Wilson	Florence Bridges, Sallie Robbins, Gladys Varnell	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7.00	1946
Muddy Creek	Duplin	Arlene Williams, Bessie Sloan, Dunnie Brown	0	1	0	0	0	1	25	25.00	1975
New Bay	Onslow	Elder S. P. Jones, Stedman Brown, Norman Jenkins	2	0	0	1	0	2	40	35.00	1963
North East	Onslow	Joe Morton, Edward Morton, Lewis Sammons	1	0	0	0	0	1	23	35.00	1973
North River	Carteret	Haywood Conner, Janice Conner, Vernon Gillikin	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	22.00	1962
Otters Creek	Edgecombe	H. F. Owens, J. M. Albritton, R. W. Abrams	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	25.00	1961
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	Alvin Lancaster, J. Carroll Williams, Elder Henry Jones	0	0	0	1	0	5	21	50.00	1969
Red Banks	Pitt	Durward Hart	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	20.00	1966
Shiloh	Pamlico	Dennard Carawon, Jesse Foreman, Sidie Potter	1	1	0	0	0	0	16	28.00	1968
Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10.00	1976
Tyson	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, Roy Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.00	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	George Williford, Jesse Viverette, W. F. Owens	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	40.00	1964

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HELD WITH

Autreys Creek Church

EDGECOMBE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 6, 7, 8

1978

Next session convenes with the church at Upper Town Creek, Wilson County, North Carolina, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1979.

OFFICERS

Elder A. P. Mewborn . . . . Moderator
Elder W. W. Stallings . . . . Clerk
Brother J. Carroll Williams . . . . Assistant Clerk

Proceedings

OF THE 148TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH AUTREYS CREEK CHURCH EDGECOMBE COUNTY, OCTOBER 6, 7, 8

1978

Friday, October 6, 1978

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder J. T. Prescott, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Joe Sawyer, followed by Elder J. T. Prescott.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder Noah Ambrose.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen clerk, who called to his assistance, J. Carroll Williams.
2. The officers of this association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.
3. Brethren Vernon Gillikin, Stedman Brown and George Williford were chosen a committee on finance.
4. Letters were received from the churches and the contents and messengers names enrolled in the statistical table.
5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the association.
6. Called for Correspondence:
    Kehukee: Grace Garner, Elder Joe Leggett, Gladys Edwards
    Black Creek: John L. Houston, Oscar Ballance
    Seven Miles: Elders C. D. Turner and W. D. Godwin
    Smith RIver: Not Represented
    Upper Country Line: Cleo Robertson

    Visitors from other Associations:
    Staunton River: Elder Raymond Goad

7. Appointed our next association to be held with the church at Upper Town Creek, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1979 at 11:00 A.M. Elder Henry Jones was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Kenneth Windham, alternate.

8. Appointed messengers to visit associations:
    Kehukee: Elders A. P. Mewborn, W. W. Stallings, Henry Jones
    Black Creek: Fred Trevathan, Elders W. W. Stallings, A. P. Mewborn
    Seven Miles: Elder J. T. Prescott, Mary Prescott, Vernon Gillikin
    Smith River: Elder J. T. Prescott, L. B. Hill, Bettie Woodard
    Upper Country Line: Elder Henry Jones, L. B. Hill, Elder J. T. Prescott

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

10. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on hand, savings 9/29/78		$267.32
Balance in checking account, Sept. 1978		188.78
Received from churches	$540.00	
Received from friends	224.34	
Total Received	$764.34	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator	$ 40.00
Clerk	70.00
Assistant Clerk	35.00
Printing minutes and postage	194.34
Supplies	5.00
Autreys Creek Church	40.00
Gave visiting Elders	380.00
Total Disbursements	$764.34

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our clerk at any time during the sitting of the association, and the clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.
2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.
3. Resolved that the association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such.
4. Resolved that our clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations, record one on the association record, and that he be allowed $70.00 for his services. Agreed to give the moderator $40.00 and assistant clerk $35.00.
5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerks be recorded in our association minutes.
6. On motion conference adjourned with benediction to time and place appointed.

A. P. Mewborn, Moderator
W. W. Stallings, Clerk
J. Carroll Williams, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder J. T. Prescott opened services with hymn and prayer
Elder Joe Sawyer: Isaiah 10:
Elder J. T. Prescott: Philippians 2:1-5

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Noah Ambrose opened conference with hymn and prayer
Elder W. D. Godwin: I Peter 1:18
Elder Noah Ambrose: 133rd Psalm

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. W. Stallings opened service with hymn and prayer
Elder Noah Conner: St. John 6:27
Elder Harvey Holland: Romans 8:
Elder M. E. Garner: Acts 2:38-39
Elder A. P. Mewborn, Remarks

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder Curtis Rains: Matthew 25:31-36
Elder C. D. Turner: 73rd Psalm

Sunday Morning:

Elder A. P. Mewborn opened service with hymn and prayer
Elder Raymond Goad: Isaiah 43:1
Elder Joseph Leggett: Isaiah 43:14
Brother Reeves Smith: Love
Elder W. B. Barnes: Remarks concerning God
Elder William L. Everett: Anticipation

Sunday Afternoon:

Elder Kenneth Key: Romans 8:28
Elder Larry Hollandsworth: St. Luke 9:23
Brother Wade Weaver: Praises to God
Brother H. T. Weaver: You Hath He quickened
Brother Clyde Daniels: John 5:14
Elder A. P. Mewborn closed with hymn and prayer

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purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.

2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.
4. The association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular proper decorum.
5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.
7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association but not to exceed three of its members.
8. Every query presented by any member of the association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.
9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.
11. We think it absolutely necessary that we shall have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this association, who shall be accountable to the association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the association.
12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the clerk in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each association.
13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected if need be and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.
14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.
15. The association shall have power: 1. To provide for the general rule of the churches; 2. To preserve inviolably, a chain of communion among the churches; 3. To give the churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; 4. To inquire into the cause why the churches fail to represent themselves at any time in this association; 5. To appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any associa-

tion fund purpose strictly connected with this association; 6. To appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary; 7. The associations shall have the power to withdraw from any church in the union which violates the rules of this association or deviates from the orthodox principles of religion; 8. To admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly; 9. The association shall have the power to adjourn itself to any future time or place it may think most convenient to the churches in this union.

16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the association.
8. No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.
9. No members of the association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.
10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.
11. The names of the several members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.
12. The moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.
13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	REC'D BY BAPT.	REC'd BY LTR.	REAST'D TO FEL	DIS. BY LTR.	EXCLUDED	DECEASED	TOT. MEMBERS	CONTRIBUTION	ASSOCIATION LAST HELD
Autreys Creek	Edgecombe	Henry F. Owens, Richard W. Abrams, Joe B. Coker	0	0	0	0	0	3	34	$35.	1978
Bethel	Pamlico	C. M. Willis, R. M. Burnette, Virgil Gaskill	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	30.	1972
Blounts Creek	Beaufort	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5.	1944
Cypress Creek	Duplin	Ervin Futrell, C. M. Brown, Albert Manning	1	0	0	0	0	2	47	30.	1974
Damascus	Pitt	Fred Trevathan	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	15.	1967
Hadnot Creek	Carteret	Elder J. T. Prescott, Mary Prescott, Vilma Rhue	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	50.	1970
Hancocks	Pitt	Jesse,E. Lang. L. B. Hill, Vernon B. Carawan	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	40.	1977
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	Rufus Jackson, Jasper Edwards, Elder W. W. Stallings	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	32.	1971
Meadow	Greene	R. M. Owens, Irene Owens, Thelma Rose	0	0	0	0	0	1	8	25.	1965
Moores	Wilson	Florence Bridges, Gladys Varnell, Sallie Robins	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.	1946
Muddy Creek	Duplin	Bessie Sloan, Arlene Williams	1	0	0	0	0	3	23	20.	1975
New Bay	Onslow	Norman Jenkins, Stedman Brown, Elder Sam Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	35.	1963
North East	Onslow	Joe Morton, Edward Morton, Lewis Sammons	0	0	0	0	0	1	22	30.	1973
North River	Carteret	Leslie Gillikin, Haywood Conner, Vernon Gillikin	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	22.	1962
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	J. Carroll Williams, Alvin Lancaster, W. Marvin Joyner	1	0	0	0	0	0	22	50.	1969
Red Banks	Pitt	Allen Fornes, Durward Hart	3	0	0	0	2	3	13	20.	1966
Shiloh	Pamlico	Dennard Carawan, Jesse Foreman, Sidie Potter	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	30.	1968
Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	10.	1976
Tysons	Pitt	Ray Williams, J. B. Tyson	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	Jesse Viverette, W. F. Owens, George Williford	0	0	0	0	0	2	19	40.	1964

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WILSON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 12, 13, 14

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Next session convenes with the church at Pleasant Hill, Edgecombe County, North Carolina, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1980.

OFFICERS

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Proceedings

OF THE 149TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH UPPER TOWN CREEK CHURCH WILSON COUNTY, OCTOBER 12, 13. 14

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Friday, October 12, 1979

After opening hymn and prayer by Elder Kenneth Windham, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Henry Jones, followed by Elder Kenneth Windham.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder Joe Sawyer.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen clerk, who called to his assistance, J. Carroll Williams.
2. The officers of this association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.
3. Brethren Vernon Gillikin, Stedman Brown and George Williford were chosen a committee on finance.
4. Letters were received from the churches and the contents and messengers names enrolled in the statistical table.

4-A The church at Lowland, N. C. which until now has been recorded on our records as Shiloh, has requested that the association recognize her as Goose Creek Island. This decision was reached because of her conflicting names on the Union Books and the Association Books. Records were searched at the courthouse and revealed that the property was deeded to the church on Goose Creek Island, thus the church as of now agreed to use the name Goose Creek Island Church.

5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the association.
6. Called for Correspondence:
   Kehukee: Elder M. E. Garner, Grace Garner, Lee Gooch
   Black Creek: Oscar Balance
   Seven Miles: Elder W. D. Godwin

Visitors from other Associations:
Pigg River: Elder Rufus Brown

6-A On motion by Elder Joseph L. Sawyer and seconded by Elder J. T. Prescott, it was agreed that we not seat Elder W. W. Taylor of White Water Church, Calhoun County, Arkansas at this time.

7. Appointed our next association to be held with the church at Pleasant Hill, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1980, at 11:00 A.M. Elder Henry Jones was chosen to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder J. T. Prescott, alternate.
8. Appointed messengers to visit associations:
   Kehukee: Elder Joe Sawyer, Durward Hart, L. B. Hill
   Black Creek: Elder W. W. Stallings, Vernon Gillikin, George Williford
   Seven Miles: Stedman Brown, Elders W. W. Stallings & J. T. Prescott
   Smith River: Jesse Foreman and wife, L. B. Hill
   Upper Country Line: Elders W. W. Stallings & Henry Jones, Jesse Foreman
9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

10. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on hand		$282.14
Balance in checking account		229.27
Received from churches	$534.00	
Received from friends	206.25	
Total Received	$740.25	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator	$ 40.00
Clerk	70.00
Assistant Clerk	35.00
Printing minutes and postage	200.00
Supplies	10.25
Upper Town Creek Church	40.00
Gave visiting Elders	345.00
Total Disbursements	$740.25

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our clerk at any time during the sitting of the association, and the clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.
2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.
3. Resolved that the association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such.
4. Resolved that our clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations, record one on the association record, and that he be allowed $70.00 for his services. Agreed to give the moderator $40.00 and assistant clerk $35.00.
5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerks be recorded in our association minutes.
6. The minutes of this association were read and approved.
7. On motion conference adjourned with benediction to time and place appointed.

A. P. Mewborn, Moderator
W. W. Stallings, Clerk
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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder Kenneth Windham opened services with hymn and prayer
Elder Henry Jones: Straight is the way and narrow the gate
Elder Kenneth Windham: Romans 8:28-31

Friday Afternoon:

Elder Joseph L. Sawyer opened conference with hymn and prayer
Elder W. D. Godwin: Isaiah 43:

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. W. Stallings opened service with hymn and prayer
Elder M. E. Garner: Esther 3:8
Elder Rufus Brown: St. John 39:5

Saturday Afternoon:

Brother Michael Neikirk: Romans 8:, I Corinthians 1:7, and Galatians
Elder Noah Conner: Hebrews 9:14
Elder W. B. Barnes: St. John 3:1

Sunday Morning:

Elder A. P. Mewborn opened service with hymn and prayer
Elder Reeves Smith: Exodus 17:5-6
Elder Raymond Goad: I Corinthians 13:
Elder Kenneth Key: Acts 10:33
Brother Clyde Debow: Praises to God, John 3:16

Sunday Afternoon:

Brother C. R. Daniels: Ecclesiastes 3:1-5
Elder A. P. Mewborn closed with hymn and prayer

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Moores	Wilson	Florence Bridges, Gladys Varnell, Sallie Robbins	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	10.	1946
Muddy Creek	Duplin	Hassell Brown, Ruby Brown, Arlene Williams	2	1	0	0	0	2	23	25.	1975
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Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10.	1976
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After opening hymn and prayer by Elder J. T. Prescott, the introductory sermon was preached by Elder Henry Jones, followed by Elder J. T. Prescott.

After an intermission of one hour, the messengers assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn of praise and prayer by Elder J. Willard Cox.

1. Elder A. P. Mewborn was chosen moderator. Elder W. W. Stallings was chosen clerk, who called to his assistance, J. Carroll Williams.
2. The officers of this association, together with the messengers of this church were appointed a committee on arrangements for preaching.
3. Brethren Jesse Foreman, Stedman Brown and George Williford were chosen a committee on finance.
4. Letters were received from the churches and the contents and messengers names enrolled in the statistical table.
5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the association.
6. Called for Correspondence:

Kehukee: Elder M. E. Garner, Grace Garner, Gladys Edwards

Black Creek: Sylvia Pittman, Harold Pittman, Oscar Ballance

Seven Mile: M. B. Barefoot, Elder W. D. Godwin

Smith River: Elder Noel Conner

Upper Country Line: Not represented by messenger

Visitors from other Associations:

Greensboro Church: Elder Leonard Key, Tommy Batts
Old Union Church: Elder J. Willard Cox
Salisbury Association: Laurence Holloway, Ethel Holloway, Maude Truitt
Pigg River Association: Elders Lane Carter, Rufus Brown & A. R. Potter
Monticello Church: Elder Paul Lamm

7. Appointed our next association to be held with the church at Hadnot Creek, services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1981, at 11:00 A.M. Elder J. T. Prescott was chosen to preach the introductory sermon and Elder Oliver Allen, alternate.
8. Appointed messengers to visit associations:
   Kehukee: J. Carroll Williams, Elders A. P. Mewborn & W. W. Stallings
   Black Creek: George Williford, Elders A. P. Mewborn & W. W. Stallings
   Seven Mile: George Williford, Elder J. T. Prescott, Stedman Brown
   Smith River: Bettie Woodard, Elder J. T. Prescott, Mary Prescott
   Upper Country Line: Johnson Prescott, Elders Henry Jones & W. W. Stallings
9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 A.M.

10. The committee on finance made the following report:

Balance on savings		$297.28
Balance in checking account		194.00
Received from churches	$575.00	
Received from friends	226.00	
Total Received	$801.00	

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator	$ 40.00
Clerk	70.00
Assistant Clerk	35.00
Printing minutes and postage	200.00
Supplies	10.00
Pleasant Hill Church	40.00
Gave visiting Elders	452.00
Total Disbursements	$847.00

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our clerk at any time during the sitting of the association, and the clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.
2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.
3. Resolved that the association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such.
4. Resolved that our clerk have 750 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations, record one on the association record, and that he be allowed $70.00 for his services. Agreed to give the moderator $40.00 and assistant clerk $35.00.
5. Agreed that the names, addresses and phone numbers of ministers and clerks be recorded in our association minutes.
6. The minutes of this association were read and approved.
7. On motion conference adjourned with benediction to time and place appointed.

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ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:

Elder J. T. Prescott opened service with hymn and prayer
Elder Henry Jones: Adam
Elder J. T. Prescott: Jesus wept

Friday Afternoon:

Elder J. Willard Cox opened conference with hymn and prayer
Elder Leonard Key: Isaiah 1:5
Elder W. D. Godwin: St. John 5:5
Elder J. Willard Cox: 23rd Psalm

Saturday Morning:

Elder W. W. Stallings opened service with hymn and prayer
Elder Lane Carter: Ruth 1:16
Elder Rufus Brown: Praises to God
Elder Noah Ambrose: Romans 11:33
Elder Noel Conner: St. John 14:1

Saturday Afternoon:

Elder W. B. Barnes: Let Brotherly Love continue
Elder M. E. Garner: St. John 6
Elder C. D. Turner: St. John 15:16

Sunday Morning:

Elder A. P. Mewborn opened service with hymn and prayer
Elder Reeves Smith: Ephesians 3:8
Elder Joseph Leggett: Genesis 2:10
Elder Raymond Goad: Genesis 24:1
Elder Kenneth Key: By the Grace of God, I am what I am

Sunday Afternoon:

Brother Clyde Debow: Christ, who died for our scarlet sins
Brother Leroy Arrington: God Omnipotent
Elder A.P. Mewborn closed with hymn and prayer

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Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Jesse Foreman, Alveta Hopkins, Doris Everett	1	0	0	0	0	3	11	27.	1968
Hadnot Creek	Carteret	Elder J. T. Prescott, Johnson Prescott, Vilma Rhue	0	0	0	0	1	0	7	50.	1970
Hancocks	Pitt	Jesse E. Lang, Vernon B. Carrawan, L. B. Hill	1	0	0	0	0	1	23	40.	1977
Lower Town Creek	Edgecombe	Jasper Edwards, Rufus Jackson, Elder W. W. Stallings	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	50.	1971
Meadow	Greene	R. M. Owens, Irene Owens, Elder A. P. Mewborn	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	25.	1965
Moores	Wilson	Florence Bridges, Gladys Varnell, Sallie Robbins	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	10.	1946
Muddy Creek	Duplin	Hassell Brown, Arlene Williams, Lula Sloan	0	0	0	0	0	2	21	28..	1975
New Bay	Onslow	Stedman Brown, Burnell Banks, Norman Jenkins	2	1	0	0	0	1	42	35.	1963
North East	Onslow	Joe Morton, Effie Morton, Clifton Spangenburg	0	0	0	0	0	1	24	35.	1973
North River	Carteret	Leslie Gillikin, Mary E. Gillikin, Bonnie B. Lawrence	2	0	0	0	0	1	12	20.	1962
Pleasant Hill	Edgecombe	Alvin Lancaster, J. Carroll Williams, Elder Henry Jones	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	50.	1980
Red Banks	Pitt	Claude Fornes, Durward Hart, Jane Hart	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	20.	1966
Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10.	1976
Tysons	Pitt	J. B. Tyson, Mary Ellen Tyson	2	0	0	0	0	1	6	10.	1952
Upper Town Creek	Wilson	George Williford, W. F. Owens, Sam Williams	3	0	0	0	0	3	14	45.	1979

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Minutes

of the

ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION

of the

Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association

held with

Hadnot Creek Church

Carteret County, North Carolina
October 9, 10, 11

1981

Next session convenes with the church at North River, Carteret County, North Carolina, to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1982.

OFFICERS

Elder J. T. Prescott	Moderator
Jesse A. Foreman	Clerk
Deacon Norman Jenkins	Assistant Clerk

Proceedings
Of the 151st annual session of the
CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Held with HADNOT CREEK CHURCH
CARTERET COUNTY* OCTOBER 9, 10, 11
1981

Friday morning, October 9, 1981

The association was opened by hymn and prayer by Elder Paul Lambe. The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Prescott, followed by Elder Oliver Allen.

After an intermission of one hour, the brethren assembled in the church and conference was opened with hymn and prayer by Elder Leonard Key.

1. The association agreed that the pastor of the host church, Elder J. T. Prescott, serve as moderator. Jesse A. Foreman was chosen clerk, and called Deacon Norman Jenkins to his assistance.
2. The officers of this association, together with the deacons of the host church, were appointed a committee on the arrangements of preaching.
3. Brethren Jesse Rhue, Stedman Brown, and Johnson Prescott were chosen a committee on finance.
4. Letters were recieved from the churches and the contents and messengers names enrolled in the statistical table. (Agreed we call all churches)
5. Petitionary letters were called for to join the association.
6. Called for Correspondence:

Kehukee: Not represented by messenger
Black Creek: Not represented by messenger
Seven Mile: Not represented by messenger
Smith River: Elder Roy Agee, Brother Harry Canady, Brother Alonza Nichols
Upper Country Line: Not represented by messenger

Visitors from other associations and churches:

Greensboro Church: Elder Leonard Key
Salisbury Association: Brother Frank Holland and wife, Marie Holland
Tarboro Church: Brother Lee Gooch and Sister Estelle Gooch
Monticello Church: Elder Paul Lambe
Pleasantville Church: Brother and Sister Ernest Stone
North Creek Church: Elder Reeves Smith and Sister Rachel Smith

7. Appointed our next association to be held with the church at North River. Services to begin Friday before the second Sunday in October, 1982, at 11:00 a.m. If pastor of host church not present, the church choose from those present whom they wish to serve as moderator.
8. Appointed messengers to visit associations:

Smith River: Elder D. B. Stokes, Brother Stedman Brown, Jesse Foreman
Pigg River: Brother Johnson Prescott, Elder J. T. Prescott, Sister Mary Prescott
Staunton River: Sister Cleora Foreman, Elder Oliver Allen, Jesse Foreman

9. Agreed that services commence on Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Agreed that the clerk have 300 copies of the minutes printed and distributed to the churches of this association with none distributed to those who pulled out from this association.
10. Agreed to adopt inserts 5, 6, and 8 of Article 15 of the Constitution and Form of Government of the Contentnea Primitive Baptist Association and drop all other parts of Article 15.
11. Report of clerk's disbursements of monies:

Recieved from Churches	$322.00
Recieved from friends	137.00
Total Recieved	$459.00

Disbursements:

Printing minutes	$134.00
Supplies, postage	25.00
Gave visiting Elders	300.00
Total Disbursements	$459.00

The report was received and the committee discharged after the money was distributed to the proper parties or persons.

1. Inasmuch as all our business is transacted on Friday, it is hereby agreed that any messenger from any church in the association who failed to make his report on Friday can do so to our clerk at any time during the sitting of the association, and the clerk is authorized to record the same in our minutes.
2. On motion it is agreed that we publish the names of ministers and time of holding quarterly meetings of each church.
3. Resolved that the association recommend to the churches that no one be ordained to the ministry of the word unless some church requires his ordination as her pastor, or that the church of which he is a member be willing to have him as such.
4. Resolved that our clerk have 300 copies of these minutes printed and distributed to the churches and associations, record one on the association record.
5. Agreed that the names, addresses, and phone numbers of ministers and clerks be recorded on our association minutes.
6. The minutes of this association were read and approved.
7. On motion, conference adjourned with benediction to time and place appointed.

Elder J. T. Prescott, Moderator
Jesse A. Foreman, Clerk
Deacon Norman Jenkins, Assistant Clerk

ORDER OF PREACHING

Friday Morning:
Elder Paul Lambe opened services with hymn and prayer
Elder J. T. Prescott: 11 Corinthians, chapter 4
Elder Oliver Allen: 1 Corinthians, chapter 3

Friday Afternoon:
Elder Leonard Key opened conference with hymn and prayer
Elder D. B. Stokes: Coliosians, chapter 1
Elder Leonard Key closed with Hymn 171 and prayer
Saturday Morning:
Elder Roy Agee opened services with Hymn 339 and prayer
Elder Roy Agee: Matthew 26:17
Elder Paul Lambe: "Take My Yoke Upon You and Learn of Me"
Saturday Afternoon:
Elder Leonard Key: Isaiah 45:1
Elder Sam Jones: Love and Mercy of God and experience
Sunday Morning:
Elder J. T. Prescott opened services with Hymn 92 and prayer
Elder Reeves Smith: Matthew 3:1
Elder Joe Sawyer: 1 Corinthians 3:1
Elder Harmon Brown: 1 Corinthians 13:1
Sunday Afternoon:
Elder J. T. Prescott: Genesis 2:21
Elder Reeves Smith closed with Hymn 74 and prayer

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Cypress Creek: Velma H. Horne, R.F.D., Richlands, N.C. 28574 Phone: (919) 324-4249 48
Goose Creek Island: Jesse A. Foreman, Rt. 1, Box 98, Lowland, N.C. 28552 Phone: (919) 745-4513 14
Hadnot Creek: Vilma G. Rhue, Route 1, Box 415-E, Swansboro, N.C. 28584 Phone: (919) 326-4926 9
Hancocks: Nina B. McLawhorn, Rt. 3, Box 108, Ayden, N.C. 28513 Phone: (919) 746-6220 26
Muddy Creek: Stewart Brown, Route 1, Chinquapin, N.C. 28521 31
New Bay: Norman Jenkins, Rt. 2, Wallace, N.C. 28466 Phone: (919) 285-4319 .. 45
North East: Lewis J. Sammons, Rt. 1, Box 945, Maysville, N.C. 28555 Phone: (919) 455-3728 26
North River: Agatha Willis 14
Red Banks: Jane M. Hart, Rt. 3, Box 135-A, Greenville, N.C. 27834 Phone: (919) 752-6455 14
Stump Sound: Gertrude Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 258, Holly Ridge, N.C. 28445 Phone: (919) 329-8871 4

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Pigg River: Elder John D. Wood, 8902 Cherry Tree Ln., Manassas, Va. 22110	25
Smith River: Elder Amos Hash, Rt. 2, Ferrum, Va. 24088	15
Stauton River: B. B. Williams, Blairs, Va. 24527	15

NAMES OF CHURCHES* PASTORS* AND CLERKS

Bethel: Elder S. P. Jones, Pastor; Virgil Gaskill, Clerk
Blounts Creek: No Pastor; Mumford Warren, Clerk
Cypress Creek: Elder Harmon Brown, Pastor; Velma H. Horne, Clerk
Goose Creek Island: Elder Oliver Allen, Pastor; Jesse A. Foreman, Clerk
Hadnot Creek: Elder J. T. Prescott, Pastor; Vilma G. Rhue, Clerk
Hancocks: Elder Joseph Sawyer, Pastor; Nina B. McLawhorn, Clerk
Muddy Creek: Elder W. L. Everett, Pastor; Stewart D. Brown, Clerk
New Bay: Elders D. B. Stokes, S. P. Jones, Pastors; Norman Jenkins, Clerk
North East: Elder J. T. Prescott, Pastor; Lewis Sammons, Clerk
North River: Elder S. P. Jones, Pastor; Agatha Willis, Clerk
Red Banks: Elder Joe Sawyer, Pastor; Jane M. Hart, Clerk
Stump Sound: Elder S. P. Jones, Pastor; Gertrude Sanders, Clerk

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF EACH CHURCH

Bethel: Third Sunday in March, June, September, December
Blounts Creek: First Sunday in March, June, September, December
Cypress Creek: Second Sunday in February, May, August, November
Goose Creek Island: Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November
Hadnot Creek: First Sunday in March, June, September, December
Hancocks: Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
Muddy Creek: Fourth Sunday in February, May, August, November
New Bay: First Sunday in March, June, September, December
North East: Third Sunday in February, May, August, November
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Stump Sound: Fourth Sunday in March, June, September, December

CONSTITUTION AND FORM OF GOVERNMENT OF THE CONTENTNEA PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of the communion of our churches in order to perpetuate a union and communion with each other in union. We, therefore, proposed to maintain and keep the order and rules of our association according to the following plan or form of government, viz:

1. The association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches in our union, sent to represent them in this association, who shall be members whom they judge best qualified for the purpose and upon producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, they shall be entitled to a seat, provided they shall not violate the rules laid down in this constitution.
2. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed, their number in full fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excommunicated and dead since our last association.
3. The members thus chosen and convened shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage nor shall they have an ecclesiastical power over the churches, nor shall they infringe on any of the internal rights of any church in this union.
4. The association when convened shall be governed and ruled by a regular proper decorum.
5. The association shall have a moderator and clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
6. New churches may be admitted into this union who shall petition by letter and messengers, and upon examination, if found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the association and manifested by the moderator giving the member the right hand of fellowship.
7. Every church in the union shall be entitled to representation in the association but not to exceed three of its members.
8. Every query presented by any member of the association shall be twice read and if there be a majority for its being debated, it shall be taken into consideration and debated; but if there be a majority against it, it shall be withdrawn.
9. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.
10. The association shall endeavor to furnish the churches with the minutes of the association. The best method of effecting the purpose shall be at the discretion of the association.
11. We think it absolutely necessary that we shall have an association fund, for defraying the expenses of the same for the raising and supporting of which we think it is the duty of every church in this union to contribute voluntarily, such sums as they think proper and send by the hands of their messengers to this association and the money thus contributed by the churches and received by this association, shall be deposited in the hands of a treasurer, appointed by this association, who shall be accountable to the association for all monies paid out according to the direction of the association.

12. The minutes of this association when printed, shall be regularly filed by the clerk in a book kept for the use of the association. He shall endeavor to have said book present at each association.
13. The minutes of this association shall be read and corrected if need be and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.
14. Amendments to this plan or form of government may be made at any time by a majority of the union when they deem it necessary.
15. 1. Appropriate the monies by the churches contributed for any association fund purpose strictly connected with this association. 2. Appoint any member by and with his or her consent to contract any business which they may see necessary. 3. Admit any of the distant brethren in the ministry who may be present at the time of its sitting whom it shall judge properly.
16. We will not hold in our churches any person who is in the practice of visiting Masonic lodges or the lodges of any and all secret societies or who on any occasion conforms to their customs or parades, nor will we countenance any such individual who may reside or come among us in the character of a preacher. We will not countenance any preacher who shall travel within the bounds of our association establishing societies for the collecting of money, or who himself be collecting money to support any institution whatever. We will not fellowship any member or members of Missionary, Bible Tract or Sunday School union societies, nor advocate the theological schools nor any person who does fellowship with them, nor will we hold any such in our churches.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. This association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
2. The moderator and clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.
3. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator when he is about to make his speech.
4. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any except the moderator till he is done speaking.
5. He shall strictly adhere to the subject and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as near as he can so as to convey his light and ideas.
6. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the association without liberty obtained from it.
7. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject without liberty from the association.
8. No member of the association shall have the liberty of laughing during the sitting of same, nor whisper in the time of public speech.
9. No members of the association shall address another in any term or appellation other than that of brother.

10. The moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking until he gives his light on the subject, except he break the rules of decorum.
11. The names of the several members of this association shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over as often as the association requires.
12. The moderator shall be the last person to speak on the subject, who may give his opinion if he chooses, before he puts the matter to a vote, but shall not vote himself unless the association be equally divided.
13. Any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these rules shall be reproved by the association as they may think proper.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	COUNTIES	NAMES OF CHURCH MESSENGERS	Rec'd by Bapt.	Rec'd by Ltr.	Rest'd to Fel.	Dis. by Ltr.	Excluded	Deceased	Tot. Members	Contribution	Association Last Held
Bethel	Pamlico	R.M. Burnette, Virgil Gaskill, W.R. Mumford	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	$20	1972
Blounts Creek	Beaufort	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1944
Cypress Creek	Duplin	C.M. Brown, Albert Manning, Ernest Jones	1	0	0	0	0	2	45	30	1974
Goose Creek Island	Pamlico	Jesse Foreman, Alveta Hopkins, Doris Everett	1	0	0	0	0	1	11	25	1968
Hadnot Creek	Carteret	Elder J.T. Prescott, Vilma Rhue, Johnson Prescott	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	50	1981
Hancocks	Pitt	Jesse E. Lang, Vernon B. Carrawan, L.B. Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	55	1977
Muddy Creek	Duplin	Hassel Brown, Lula Sloan	1	0	0	0	0	1	21	25	1975
New Bay	Onslow	Stedman Brown, O.V. Allen, Norman Jenkins	1	0	0	0	0	1	42	35	1963
North East	Onslow	Clifton Spangenburg, Helen Spangenburg, Lee Marshform	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	35	1973
North River	Carteret	Mary J. Gillikin, Mary E. Gillikin	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	15	1962
Red Banks	Pitt	Claude Fornes, Durwood Hart	0	0	0	0	0	1	11	20	1966
Stump Sound	Onslow	Gertrude Sanders	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	1976